

Class 2: Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering this half-term. This overview does everything that we will be doing, but hopefully it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place in our classroom.

English

This term, we will be using a range of texts to support our writing, including Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Can You See? by Bill Martin Jr. The children will explore the repetitive pattern of the story and use it to create their own versions, including a range of different animals. Throughout the term, we will also be developing our understanding of basic punctuation, focusing on using capital letters and full stops correctly.
We will be writing **labels and captions** for non-fiction texts about the human body, as well as exploring different types of writing, including **lists, acrostic poems and letter writing.**

Mathematics

This term, we will be learning about **place value**, exploring the value of digits in numbers to thirty, comparing and ordering numbers, and finding one more and one less. We will also be developing our understanding of **addition and subtraction**, using part-whole models, fact families and number bonds to help us solve calculations. In **Shape, Space and Measure**, we will be exploring different shapes and their properties.
We will also have a weekly **problem-solving** session, where the children will develop their understanding of number patterns and use their reasoning skills to solve problems.

PSHE / RE

This half term in PSHE, we will be learning about respecting ourselves and others, exploring how our behaviour affects others and the importance of being polite and respectful. We will also be looking at families and friendships, discussing the different roles people have within families and how we can show care for one another. Finally, we will be learning about safe relationships, including understanding privacy, staying safe and recognising the importance of asking permission.

In RE, the children will be learning about Christianity and exploring what Christians believe about God. We will be learning about the Christmas story and why gifts are given at Christmas, including the gifts brought by the Wise Men. The children will also reflect on how giving gifts can show love, kindness and care for others.

Science

In science, we will be exploring the animal kingdom, discovering how to identify and group animals by their features. The children will investigate what makes different animals unique and compare their similarities and differences. We will also explore how animals are suited to their habitats and the special features that help them survive in different environments.

Computing

This half term, the children will be developing their digital art skills by using Artset on the iPads to design their own Christmas cards. We will also explore the Paint programme on the laptops, learning how to use different tools and features to create our own digital artwork.

History

This History half term, we will be exploring how toys have changed over time, comparing toys from the past with those we play with today. We will learn about Victorian toys and discover how they are similar to and different from modern toys. The children will also develop their understanding of chronology by sequencing events from their own lives and placing toys from different periods in the correct order.

DT

What is a Stable Structure?
To understand what a stable structure is. To explore the best materials. To build a stable structure.

PE

Gymnastics –As part of our Gymnastics unit, children will be developing their core strength with a range of balances and counter-balances, as well as learning a range of shapes. We will also learn sequence of movements.
Games –This term we will also be working on skills linked to the sport of Beanbag target throw.
**Note: children should make sure their PE kits are in school every day as we may take advantage of the drier days for PE across Autumn term.*

Note: Please read every night with your child to help them get the best out of the Read Write Inc Program.