

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 2

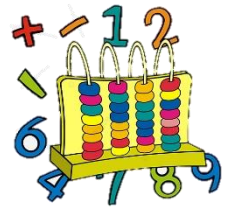
Summer 2021 Newsletter



Welcome to a new year and to Year 2. We are all really excited to be back this Autumn and are looking forward to lots of fun and learning. This term, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Richards, who will be teaching Y2 on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Year 2 will also be ably supported by Mrs Daniell on a Monday and Miss Walton on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Maths

Our main focus in the first half term will be the concept of number. We will be exploring and reasoning about numbers up to 100. We will be investigating how numbers can be partitioned in different ways, and the importance of place value. Much of the learning will be supported through the use of special maths equipment before moving on to using pictorial representations to show understanding. After half term, we will start to introduce calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. This will, again, focus on the use of concrete apparatus initially in order to strengthen the children's understanding of these important areas of maths, before moving onto the pictorial methods.



English

We will kick off the term with traditional stories, including fairy tales. These well-known stories, allow the children opportunity to embed their understanding of characters, settings and how to structure a story correctly. Our focus initially will be on using correct punctuation, correct letter formation and spelling. The children will be encouraged to use their own personal dictionary, word mats and their knowledge of phonics to spell new words. Throughout the rest of the term, up until Christmas, we will also immerse the children in vocab-building poetry and unpick how to plan and write a well-structured set of instructions.

Science

Over the next term, the children's Science topic will focus on 'Materials'. This will include being able to differentiate between an object name and the material it is made out of. Different materials will be investigated to determine their properties including whether something is **waterproof** or **absorbent**, **transparent**, **translucent** or **opaque** and **flexible** or **rigid**. The children will discuss why it is important that objects are created using certain materials e.g. a window is made out of glass because it is transparent.



Geography/History

In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus. The children will become familiar with their own place in the world and how groups of countries form a continent. They will learn the names of the seven continents and the five main world oceans that surround them.

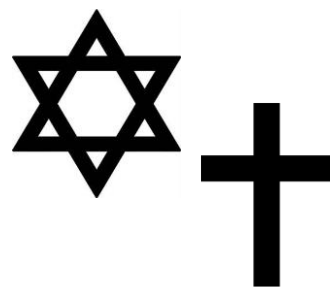
Our History focus, will be on 'Important Events'. This will include Remembrance Day, Guy Fawke's attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and the Great Fire of London. We hope to engage the children through drama and make links with English, where possible.



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RE

This term, the children will explore the concept of 'Believing' through the study of both the Jewish and the Christian faiths. We will investigate core belief systems including repentance and how Christians believe that Jesus is the 'saviour'. Key festivals from these faiths will also be linked in to show how these core beliefs are recognised and celebrated.



Art and DT

Art and DT will be alternated each half term. Initially the children will focus on the skill of 'drawing' including how to create shades of colour and shape. They will also learn about the famous artist, Pablo Picasso. After half term, the children will learn how to join templates through the use of textiles.

PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold. This term, the units focus on team building, well-being, gymnastics and dance. We are asking for a pair of **indoor plimsolls** to be kept in school in case trainers become muddy outside.



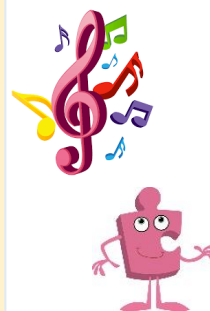
Computing

As always, online safety will be a focus at the start of this term. With the constantly ever-changing landscape of online gaming and communication, it is key that children are kept up to date with how to keep themselves safe. We will also be looking at units in coding and creating spreadsheets through Purple Mash.

Music and RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

With so many events coming up, including Harvest and Christmas, the children will be immersed in singing this term. We plan to use this opportunity to discuss pitch and how music makes us feel.

RHE will continue to be taught throughout the term using our excellent Jigsaw scheme. In the first half term, children will learn about 'Being Me' – what makes them special and unique. In the second half term, we will look at 'Celebrating Difference' and how it is important to look beyond our own experiences. Our Y2 Jiggy character 'Jo' will be there to keep us company along the way.



Further information

Please **read daily** with your child at home. Books can be changed as needed but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Additional home learning tasks will be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a weekly basis. Details of how to access your child's account will be provided shortly. Tasks will often be a maths and/or a spelling activity but may also include other subject areas.

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite mis-placed items with their owner.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Mrs Cole. Mrs Richards. Mrs Daniell and Miss Walton

