

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 2

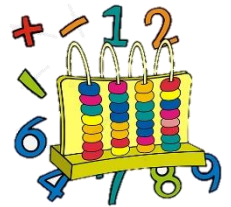
Autumn 2022 Newsletter



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, Mrs Cole will be teaching all day Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday along with Thursday morning. Mrs Richards will teach Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Miss Walton, Ms Clarke and Miss Stayt will also be ably supporting the class throughout the week.

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

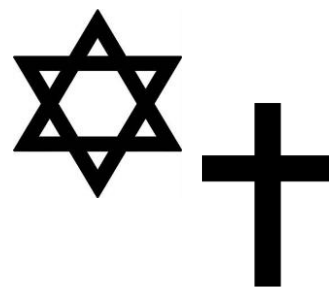
In the first half term, we will have a Geography focus. The children will become familiar with their own place in the world and how groups of countries form a continent. They will learn the names of the seven continents and the five main world oceans that surround them.

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 'printing' and how to create their own designs. They will also learn about the famous artist, Andy Warhol. 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 'Movement and Dodging' and Gymnastics



Computing

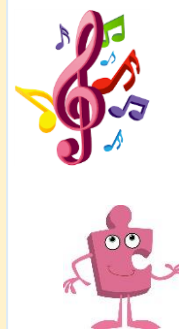


As always, online safety will be a focus at the start of this term. With the constantly ever-changing landscape of online gaming and communication, it is key that children are kept up to date with how to keep themselves safe. We will also be looking at units in coding and creating spreadsheets through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

PSHE and Music

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.

We are delighted to welcome back the very talented Mrs Cowley, who will be teaching the children music each week. Music will also take place in our worships and we look forward to lots of singing in preparation for our KS1 nativity (date to be announced shortly - please keep an eye on the newsletter).



Further information

Homework: This will be given weekly through Microsoft Teams and will usually include a maths and spelling task. The children will be given a Microsoft Teams account with their own login details in the first couple of weeks. We will send out instructions to help any new users, via email, once the accounts have been set up.

Reading: Please read with your child as often as possible and note when you have read in their reading records along with page numbers.

Snack/Milk: We provide a fruit or vegetable snack for your child every day. If you would like your child to have milk please register with www.coolmilk.com or on 0844 854 2913.

Pick up: If your child is going home with someone other than a regular parent or carer, please let us know on the door in the morning or email the office.

Request: We are looking for donations of solid pieces polystyrene for our art project this term. Could any donations please be brought to the classroom on drop off or pick up - thank you! ©