

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## Year 2

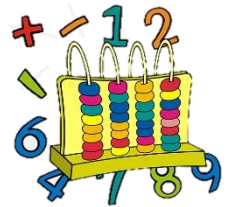
## Autumn 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to a new school 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. Mrs Handley will be leading the class every day except Tuesday mornings when Mrs Richards will be in class. Both will be ably supported by Miss Walton and Mrs Zenonos 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

This term we will be immersing ourselves in two fantastic books. These engaging texts will allow children to explore, interpret and respond to a picture book. We will consider the ways in which illustrations can deepen and enrich the meaning of a text and enhance the reader's experience. This in turn offers a good model for children to develop and write their own rich and engaging stories. **Grammar** and **Spelling** skills are generally incorporated into the teaching of writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons.



### Science

Over this 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

The first half term, 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.

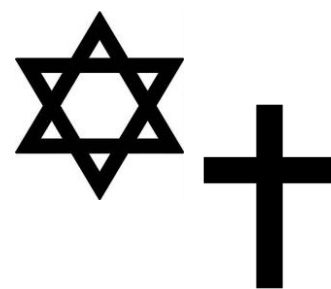
Our History focus, will be on 'Important Events'. This will include Remembrance Day, Guy Fawke's attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament and the Great Fire of London.



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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

During the first half of this term, we will be exploring the concept and features of structures and the stability of different shapes, culminating in designing and building our own structure; evaluating for stiffness and stability. During Autumn 2, we will be exploring the way clay can be shaped and joined. Children will learn a range of essential skills for working with this medium.

## PE

This term, children will have PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Please could 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 blue jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold.

This term, the units focus on 'Movement and Dodging' and 'Linking' in 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 skillful on-line research and creating pictures 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.

In music, we are looking forward to starting the exciting new 'Charanga' Scheme. This term we will be exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch and playing in an orchestra. 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

**Reading Books:** Your children's books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. As the year progresses, children will begin to take responsibility of changing and choosing their own books. Please do record your child's reading on **Boom Reader**, it is key for us when reading and changing your child's book. **NOTE:** When recording your child's school book please log this as a 'reading book' not a 'home book'.

**Homework:** The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling and number facts. Please see the attached document for further information on expectations around this. An additional **OPTIONAL** homework grid for this term is also available.

**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 lost items.

Mrs Handley, Mrs Richards, Miss Walton, Mrs Zenonos