

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! We all hope that you had a lovely, restful half-term break and were able to get outside when the weather allowed. We are really looking forward to continue working with you all and seeing the fabulous progress that your children make.

Our new topic this term is 'Discovering Detectives!' We will be finding out lots this term and we can't wait to be 'Discovering Detectives!'

Phonics

Daily phonics teaching and learning will take place every day in school. Regular practise, to reinforce and learn the phonics sounds at home, is really important to help the children continue to make further progress. This term we will be preparing for the Phonic Screening Test which will take place later this term.



Reading

We encourage you to read with your child every day in order to improve their recognition of common words and improve the fluency of their reading. The more they practise the more confident they become and then they further develop their love for reading. Talking about what they have read is also vitally important in developing comprehension skills.



PE



Our PE days in Year 2 this term are:-

Class 7-Monday
Class 8-Thursday
Class 9- Tuesday

All children should come to school already in their PE kit on their allocated days. Please ensure that the PE kit is plain with no bright colours or logos. As we may go outside, weather permitting, please wear warm PE clothes.

Children should have long hair tied up and earrings removed for safety on PE days. If your child isn't suitably dressed for PE, or they still have their earrings in, then they may not be able to participate in the lesson.

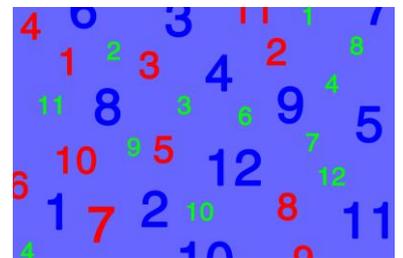


Maths



We will be continuing with our work on addition and subtraction this term in year 2. We will be using resources to help us think about adding and subtracting two, two digit numbers.

Later in the term we will be moving onto money and will be learning about the different coins that are used and how we can use those coins to make different values.



Please talk to us about any worries or concerns you may have, either in person at the end of the day, or contact us by using Class Dojo or by phoning the office. Please also share any progress and celebrations with us too.

Thank you.

What are we learning about in Year 2 this half term?

English

Our focus this half term is to read and write non-fiction texts, showing an understanding of the key features.

How you can help...

- Share a range of non-fiction texts, and talk about the key features of those texts.
- Look for titles, headings and sub-headings within non-fiction writing- and have a try at writing a short piece of non-fiction together.
- Look for other features of non-fiction writing, and try using some of these. You could create a labelled diagram or write some 'Did you know?' facts.

Maths

Over this term we will be thinking about addition and subtraction. The children will be:

- Adding and subtracting two, two digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting three, one digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting a two digit and one digit number.

How you can help...

- Have a look at addition and subtraction games on top marks.
- Have a look at addition and subtraction on BBC bitesize.
- Can the children count out the correct amount of money when you go to the shop?

Science – Identifying Uses of Everyday Materials

- To identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.
- To find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

How you can help...

- Draw attention to the materials you come across in your everyday life.
- Talk about what they look like, what they feel like, do they always look the same or can they be changed, what are they used for?
- Use accurate scientific vocabulary.

Art

- This term we will be learning about the work of Georgia O’Keeffe. We will be creating some exciting artwork and learning how to draw in her style using a range of materials.
- We will develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, shape and form.

How you can help...

- Give children the opportunity to research information about Georgia O’Keeffe and look at her art work.
- Ask children to experiment drawing/painting with bold colours.

Geography

Children will develop key map skills through a range of engaging geographical skill based activities. We will explore a range of maps at a local, national and global level, developing their understanding of how to navigate around an atlas along with devising their own maps and routes. We will also be looking at aerial photographs to spot human and physical features.

How you can help...

- Show children their house/ places they are familiar with using google maps.
- Ask children to plan a simple walking route to a local park using directions.

Music - Charanga

- Over the term the children will be listening to a range of different styles of music thinking about the pitch and tempo of the music that they are listening to.
- We will talk about how the different music makes us feel using a variety of accurate vocabulary

How you can help...

- Listen to different styles of music and make comparisons.
- Name the different instruments that you can hear in the different music.
- Ask the children to use musical terminology e.g. pitch, timbre etc.

RE

- This term our key question is 'Why did God give Jesus to the world?' and 'Is God important to everyone?'
- We are learning about the Christmas story and the reasons for Jesus' birth.
- We will also be learning about Diwali, Remembrance and Bonfire Night.

How you can help...

- Talk about the variety of celebrations that are being celebrated in our community
- Talk about the similarities and the differences between celebrations.

Web Links

Phonics:

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.phonicsbloom.com/
- www.readwithphonics.com
- www.monsterphonics.co.uk

Computing:

- www.ictgames.com

Maths

- www.mymaths.co.uk

Computing

- This term our theme for our learning in Computing is 'We are games testers.'

We will be:

- Understanding algorithms.
- Creating and debugging programs.
- Using logical reasoning to make predictions.

How you can help...

- With your child, identify and talk about how to use information technology safely.

PSHE

Celebrating Difference



