

Information for Parents and Carers
Class 2: Autumn Term 1

Our School and the Local Area

The focus of this half term's **Geography** work is **Our School and the Local Area**. The children will explore the school environment using first hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness along with developing essential map and fieldwork skills. The children will acquire a greater insight into where they live.

English:
Fiction
This half term we are going to explore stories in familiar settings using the texts **Not Now Bernard** and **Oscar got the Blame**. We will be writing our own stories, taking part in drama activities and completing comprehension tasks.
Poetry
We will be learning some poems about animals and performing them to the class. Then we will also create our own poem about a chosen animal.

Phonics will be taught separately to each year group using a mixture of practical, written and interactive resources. **Handwriting** lessons will take place daily, when the children will learn to write in a cursive style.

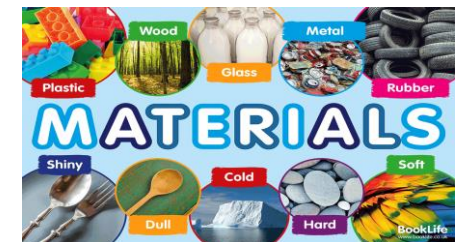
PE & Games:
This term's PE involves Multi-skills and Dance. Lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Mr Ryder one of our Sports Coaches will be teaching the Multi-skills activities.
Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.

- Class 2 – Dates for your diary:**
- 12th September – Meet the Teacher @5pm
 - 18th September – Home Learning Workshop 9am and 6pm
 - 8th and 10th October – Grandparent Lunches
 - 11th October – Harvest Festival at Church 9.30am

Maths:
In Maths we will be covering the following topics:
Numbers and place value
Measures (length, mass, weight)
Addition and subtraction
Geometry (2D and 3D shapes)
2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables
We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.



Science:
This half term's Science topic is **Materials**. We will be learning about everyday materials such as wood, plastic, metal, water and rock. We will learn to identify and name everyday materials and explore their properties. We will be carrying out an investigation to find out which material would be most suitable to use for an umbrella. We will also explore and find out which material would be suited for making a door number.



How you can help at home:
Class 2 home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will usually consist of Mathletics activities for everyone to complete (if you have a problem logging in or have mislaid the username/password, please let me know so that I can sort it out for you).
There will also be a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. A weekly times table challenge/test will take place to encourage the children to learn their times tables. Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has written a comment in their reading record. New reading books will be given for home practice on your child's reading day.

Cross Curricular Learning:
Our **RE** theme is entitled, 'Myself: Who am I?' The children will be celebrating their uniqueness and what makes them special. Our **Computing** unit is 'Online Safety, Exploring Purple Mash and Effective Searching'. Our **PSHCE** and **SEAL** work this half-term will follow the theme of 'New Beginnings'. We will be considering a range of new beginnings including transition into a new year group/class and how to help others in school with their new beginnings. The **Art** focus is drawing and painting whilst in Design Technology the children will be designing and making a lunch box. In **Music** we will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch through rap.

