

**Information for Parents and Carers**  
**Class 2: Autumn Term 1**

**Why can't meerkats live in the South Pole?**

The focus of this half term's **Geography** work is **The Weather/ Hot and Cold Places**. The children will explore seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator.

**English:**

This half term we are going to explore stories in familiar settings using the texts **The Tiger who came to Tea**, **Dogger** and **Whatever Next**. We will be writing our own stories, taking part in drama activities and completing comprehension tasks.

In Poetry we will be performing skipping and chanting poems then composing our own verses to poems that include repetition.

**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.

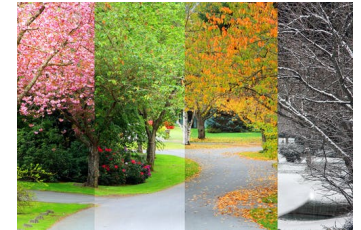
**Maths:**

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:  
Numbers and place value  
Addition and subtraction  
Money  
Two Times Table (Y2)  
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 term's Science topic is **Seasonal Change**. We will be learning about changes that take place cross the four seasons, the weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. We will be making a class weather station to observe measure and record the weather across the seasons and explore the signs of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter through nature and wildlife. The children will work scientifically by collecting, recording and interpreting simple data.



**PE & Games:**

This term's PE involves Gymnastics and Multi-Skills. **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.**

**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.  
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 Mondays.

**Class 2 – Dates for your diary:**

- Thurs 17th Sept – Virtual Meet the teacher 5pm (details to follow)
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Staff INSET day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Half Term

**Cross Curricular Learning:**

Our **RE** theme is entitled, 'Who is a Christian and what do Christians believe God is like?' 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, whilst in **Design Technology** the children will be designing and making a healthy breakfast. In **Music** our learning will be focused around one song: Hands, Feet, Heart – a song that celebrates South African Music. We will be learning to greet each other and count up to 12 in **French**.

