

Information for Parents and Carers
Class 2: Autumn Term 1

“What’s special about my local environment?”

The focus of this half term’s work is ‘Our School and the Local Area’. The children will explore the school environment and the area that they live in. They will be shown how to write an address appropriately and use maps to plan a route which will include symbols and a key. Simple compass directions will be taught through games and outdoor activities. The children will have the opportunity to look at aerial photographs of the area and taught to recognise basic human and physical features. Simple observations and fieldwork skills will help them study the geography of the classroom and school.

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. In **SPAG** Y1 will be learning how words can combine to make sentences and separating words with spaces. Y2 will be learning to use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences and how to use expanded noun phrases for description in their writing.

Maths:
In Maths we will be covering the following two topics:

- Numbers and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

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 best suited for making a door number.

The PE & Games:
This term’s PE involves Dance and Outdoor Games. Primary Stars sports coaches will deliver the outdoor games activities on a Thursday afternoon.
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. Year 2 will also be given some tasks on TT Rockstars. There will 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 when you child has read to someone at school.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- 14th Sept – Meet the Teacher @5pm
- 21st October – Individual photographs
- 21st October – Break up for half term



Cross Curricular Learning:

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. In **Art** we will be learning to draw using line patterns and adding tone by smudging and blending. Our focus in **Computing** will be Online safety, Exploring Purple Mash and Maze Explorers. In **RE** our theme is entitled 'What would Jesus do?' We will be learning about the stories Jesus told and how He taught Christians to live a good life. **French** lessons will include greetings, understanding how to ask and say our names and learning the numbers 1 to 12. Finally, our **Music** topic is called 'Hey You!' which will be introducing pulse, rhythm and pitch through the musical genres of Hip Hop and Rap.