

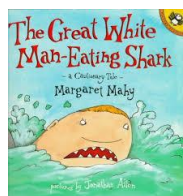
Information for Parents and Carers

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**. We 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. We will find out how animals have adapted to live in these areas and also learn about the continents and oceans that make up our world.

English: During the first half of the term we will be using the books 'The Great White Man-Eating Shark', 'Rainbow Bear' and 'The Ice Bear' to help us write a non-chronological report. In the second half we will read the book 'Meerkat Mail' and create a recount and some character and setting descriptions.



Phonics will be taught in Year 1 and **Spellings** in Year 2 using the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' scheme.

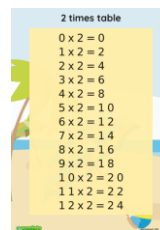
Handwriting (learning to write in a cursive style) and **Reading Comprehension** lessons also take place in Y2.

Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

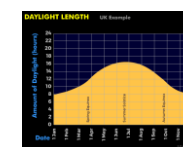
Number and Place Value
Addition and subtraction
Two Times Table (Y2)

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 as Autumn progresses into Winter, how the weather changes and the day length varies. The children will work scientifically by collecting, recording and interpreting simple data.



PE & Games:

This term's PE lessons are Team Building/Invasion games and Multi-Skills. (Wednesday and Thursday)

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:

Home Learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will consist of Mathematics and a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. Year 2 will also need to practise their 2 X tables.

Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has signed their reading record. It is important that your child has their reading book in their school bag every day. New reading books will be given for home practice when your child has read with an adult at home and has their previous books to exchange.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- Mon 16th Sept – Meet the teacher 5pm
- Mon 30th Sept - Phonics Workshop 9am/5pm
- Mon 7th Oct – Individual School Photographs
- Thurs 10th&Fri 11th Oct – Grandparents' Breakfast 9-10am
- Thurs 24th Oct – Break up for half term

Cross Curricular Learning:

Our **RE** theme is entitled, 'Who is a Christian and what do Christians believe God is like?' We will explore this topic using art, drama, model building and poetry activities to help make our learning fun and enjoyable. The **Computing** unit is 'Online Safety, Exploring Purple Mash and Effective Searching'. Our **PSHE Ed** topic is learning about different feelings we may experience and how to communicate effectively with others. The **Art** focus is drawing and we will be experimenting with using different materials. In **Music** our learning will be based on South African Music and we will be singing, performing, composing and listening to lots of exciting songs.