



Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Year 2

"I have called you by name" Isaiah 43:1

Welcome: Welcome back to the start of the school term! Our Year 2 team this year consists of Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rogerson (Wednesdays), Mrs King-Heath, and Miss Fearick and we are all looking forward to working with you and your children this year. For your information, PE will take place on Wednesdays so children will need to arrive in school dressed in their PE kits. Book change will be on a Monday but we ask for reading books and records to be brought into school every day so that we can listen to your child read. We encourage children to read daily at home and it is a school requirement that children have at least 3 adult signatures each week in their reading records to indicate that they have read at home. Children will also be tested on their spellings every Tuesday. If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to any of us.

Religious Education: We will be covering the following topics:

Topic – Domestic Church – Family – God is present in every beginning and the many beginnings that each day offers.

Topic – Baptism/Confirmation – Belonging: learning about the signs and symbols used in Baptism.

Topic – Advent/Christmas – Loving: preparing for special times and that Advent is the four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas.

Other faith topic: Judaism and learning about how our Jewish brothers and sisters live.

RSE: The theme is 'To understand what makes someone feel proud' and we will be teaching this through the book, 'The Odd Egg,' by Emily Gravett.

Mathematics: Below are the main areas that we will be covering in the Autumn term and all skills learned are applied in real-life contexts.

Counting, recognising and partitioning numbers to 100.

Estimating numbers and counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.

Understanding fact families including number bonds to 10 and 20, adding tens to make number bonds to 100 (i.e. 80+20) and using number bonds to 10 to make addition easier.

Phonics: We use Supersonic Phonic Friends as our curriculum and some of the spelling rules that we will be covering this term are: adding the suffixes 'ing,' 'ed,' 'er,' and 'est' to words.

Reading: We will be reading 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and 'How to Hide a Lion' by Helen Stephens. We will be learning to become familiar with these stories, retelling them and considering their characteristics, predicting and explaining what has been read and participating in discussion about this.

Writing: We will be focussing on ensuring that the correct punctuation has been used in a sentence, saying it out loud before writing it down and reading all sentences back to check that they make sense. The children will also build upon their knowledge of adjectives and begin to use expanded noun phrases i.e. 'the dark, mysterious forest.'

Grammar: We will be focusing on using expanded noun phrases as mentioned above and using the past and present tense correctly when speaking and writing.

How you can help at home: Read with your child on a daily basis and ask questions about the book as you read it. Encouraging your children to write where possible, ensuring that they use the correct punctuation and read back their sentences to check for sense. Practise counting forwards in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.

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Science: The theme is 'Animals Including Humans' and we will be learning about the basic needs of animals, the importance of nutrition and how to have a healthy lifestyle. The second theme is 'Everyday Materials' and we will be learning about how the properties of materials can be changed, explaining why we use certain materials and comparing their uses.

Computing: The theme is 'IT Around Us' and 'Effective Searching'. We will be focusing on IT in the home and around us and how to make smart choices when using it. We will also be learning how to refine searches using the search tool and using digital technology to share work on Purple Mash to communicate and connect with others locally.

History: The theme is 'Local Area'. We will be learning about our heritage by using local sources, statues, timelines, artefacts and various sources.

Geography: The theme is 'Colder Climates'. We will use maps to locate places, find out why climates differ around the world and research facts about Antarctica.

Art: The theme is 'Nests with Wet and Dry Media' and we will be exploring the materials and structures of nests, beginning to refine nest drawings using pencils, oil pastels and ink.

Music: The theme is 'Pulse' and we will be creating simple patterns and understanding how sound is represented by symbols.

French: We will be focussing on counting in French from 1-20 and recognising the French words for colours.

PSHE: We will be exploring feelings and discussing when we feel happy and when we do not feel happy. We will also be learning about what growth mindset is and how to develop our abilities.

PE/Sport: The theme is 'Catching and Throwing' and we will be focussing on developing pupil's skills when throwing and catching.

How you can help at home (in relation to the above subjects): Geography: go on a walk around your local area looking at the different types of buildings. Practise counting in French from 1-20 and also saying colour names in French. Computing: discuss how your child can stay safe using technology in their own home and visit free websites such as thinkuknow.com.