'Let your light shine'

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Class 2 (Autumn 2) Curriculum Newsletter

English

In reading we will be working on our fluency and comprehension skills with a wide range of texts, especially our retrieval skills for finding facts in the text. Children will get a home-school reading book, which they should take home and bring to school each day. They will also have 'reading for pleasure' books in the classroom, access to books from our library, as well as a class novel that we read together.

As part of our English, we will be doing daily handwriting lessons. These will follow the Read Write Inc programme, which links to our school's phonics and spelling teaching. We will be learning the 'hill' and 'bridge' joins.

In writing this half term we will have a narrative focus which will include writing complex sentences and speech, and will be based around the book 'The Egyptian Cinderella'.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term, **Year 2** pupils will be learning about addition and subtraction. They will build up to adding and subtracting 2 two-digit numbers. Then, they will focus on recognising 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 3 pupils will start with addition and subtraction. They will build up to adding and subtracting 3 three-digit numbers. Then, they will move on to multiplication and division where they will learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

RE

Our unit of study in RE this half-term is the question: **'What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?'**

During the term, we will be talking about some things different Christians might have and do in their families and at church to show their faith. We will also discuss why being a Christin can be a good thing, and can be hard. Pupils will also learn about ways in which Christians might choose to help others.

Spanish

Y3 pupils will be learning classroom instructions in Spanish this half term. We will also do some Christmas-themed lessons in December, including looking at a Nativity play in Spanish.

Music

This half term we will continue learning about 'pulse & rhythm'. Pupils will identify how music can represent different environments by singing songs and creating contrasting soundscapes.

PE

We will have two PE lessons per week. Our first will focus on gymnastics. In this, pupils will learn about body tension when making shapes, and rolls such as barrel rolls, forward and backward rolls.

In their second lesson, we will be doing net and wall games. Pupils will focus on rallying, hitting, feeding and footwork skills which are used in games such as tennis, badminton and volleyball.

Science

In Science, pupils will be learning about Animals including humans. Y2 will describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of foods, and hygiene. Y3 will be learning about nutrition, and how skeletons and muscles give some animals support and movement.

History

In History, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will find out about their culture and way of life, including their languages, jobs and religious beliefs. We will also find out about mummification and the great pyramids, exploring what they've 'left behind' so that we can learn about them.

PSHE

Y2's focus this half-term will be **'What keeps me healthy?'** They will also learn about empathy and cyber bullying.

Y3's focus this half-term is **Identity, society and equality**. They will also learn about how their actions affect themselves and others, and about rings of responsibility.

D&T

In D&T this half-term, we will be making **healthy street food**. Pupils will learn about cooking and nutrition, including where our food comes from and how the seasons might affect what food is available.

Computing

This half term we will focus on **programming.** Pupils will be learning how to code. They will learn about inputs and outputs, and designing and creating a program.

Class 2

Ways to help your child at home

We welcome and encourage children to continue their learning beyond school and share their achievements with us. We have consciously decided not to publish or set homework sheets, however we would like all children to complete these key weekly tasks and activities.



Daily Reading

Developing a love or reading and learning to read are directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. Reading daily with and to your child is the single most important thing you can do to help them with their learning. Please sign their reading record so we know that your child has read at home and that they are ready to have their books changed.

Read Write Inc. Spelling

At the end of each half term, the children will bring home a list of the common exception words for their year which we have been learning in class. This will show the words they are confident with and the words they need to practise more at home.

KIRFs

Key Instant Recall Facts

KIRF practise will help your child to learn by heart, key facts and information which they need to have instant recall of. KIRFs are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. Your child's KIRFs for this half term can be found below.



Times Table Rockstars

Being able to confidently recall times table facts helps children in all areas of Maths, including problem solving. Daily practise on TT Rockstars will your child to improve their times table recall and speed.



1 Minute Maths

This is a fantastic app, (particularly suited to Year R-3) which helps children to build number confidence and fluency through 1-minute tasks. The app gives instant feedback, with a 'hints' button which rephrases the question if children need a little extra support.



Hit the Button

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games, which are against the clock, challenge and develop mental maths skills. An untimed, practise mode is available within the app.

Key Vocabulary

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Science

Y2: Animals, including humans

Grow/ healthy/ food/ eat/ human/ body

Y3: Animals, including humans

Nutrition /Nutrients /Diet/Dietary fibre /Balanced diet/ Carbohydrate/ Protein/ Vitamins/ Minerals/ Fat/ Skeleton/ Muscles/ Support/ Protection/ Movement/ Brain/ Blood vessels/ Heart/ Skull/ Ribs/ Spine/ Backbone/ Joints/ Sockets/ Bones/ Tendons/ Vertebrates/ Invertebrates/ Endoskeleton/shell

History

Ancient Egypt

Hieroglyphics, mummification, preserve, pyramid, the Nile, artefact, flax, papyrus, solar calendar, pharaoh

D&T

Healthy street food

nutrition, ingredients, balanced diet, hygiene, processed, fresh, source, prepare, healthy, Eatwell Guide, evaluate

Religious Education

What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

Christian, Bible, crucifix, praying, church, communion, hymn, spiritual, worship, Catholic, community

Year 2 'KIRFs' - Autumn Term 2

Year 2 KIRFs

Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

I can count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Count in 2s

Start at 0 and add 2 each time.
You can count forwards or backwards.

Examples:

0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12...
20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10...



Count in 5s

Start at 0 and add 5 each time.
You can count forwards or backwards.

Examples:

0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25...
50, 45, 40, 35, 30...

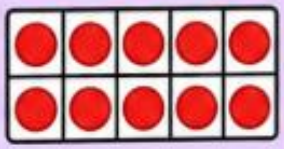


Count in 10s

Start at 0 and add 10 each time.
You can count forwards or backwards.

Examples:

0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50...
100, 90, 80, 70, 60...



Challenge: Can you count in 2s, 5s and 10s from any number?

Year 3 ‘KIRFs’ - Autumn Term 2

Year 3 KIRFs

Double and Half Facts

I can recall and use doubles to 10 and find half of 12, 14, 16 and 18.

Doubles to 10

I can double these numbers:

4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Examples:

4 + 4 = 8
6 + 6 = 12
7 + 7 = 14
8 + 8 = 16
9 + 9 = 18



Double means twice!

Halves to 20

I can find half of these numbers:

12, 14, 16, 18

Examples:

Half of 12 = 6
Half of 14 = 7
Half of 16 = 8
Half of 18 = 9



Half means equal parts!

Challenge: Can you recall and use doubles to 10 and find half of 12, 14, 16 and 18?