

Curriculum Learning Overview **Autumn Term 2024: Class 2**

This document will hopefully give you an overview of what Class 2's learning will look like during the Autumn term.

Curriculum coverage:

- Phonics, Maths and English are taught daily.
- PE will be on a Thursday & Friday. Please ensure children come in their PE kits.
- Music, PSHE and metacognition are taught weekly.

All other subjects are 'blocked' (taught daily over a period of 1 or 2 weeks). Please see page 2 for an outline of what will be covered in topics this term.

Please check your '**Class Dojo**' app for messages throughout the week.

Let the office know if you do not have access to this.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Smith

English: Reading & Writing

Our reading and writing this term will explore the following themes. During Autumn 1, the focus will be on traditional tales. The focus texts will be **Meerkat Mail, Goldilocks and the Three Bears & Dogger**.

During Autumn 2, we will explore well-loved stories **Hansel and Gretel and Avacado Baby**. We will also look at poems and some non-fiction writing; our writing and reading will be based around these books and texts.

The children will continue to use our VIPERS acronym to enhance their comprehension skills and explain key events in the text and the main characters feelings. (**V**ocabulary, **I**nfERENCE, **P**redict, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve, **S**ummarise).

Maths

The principal focus of mathematics teaching in Key Stage 1 is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value. We will be developing fluency through our daily fluency practice.

Year 1 – Place Value (within 20), followed by addition and subtraction and shape.
Year 2 – Place Value (within 100), followed by addition and subtraction and shape.

Music

This term the focus for music will be on pulse and rhythm. We will be practicing using our voices in different ways, feeling the pulse and listening to a piece of music with concentration.

PE

A sporting influence coach will be teaching PE every Thursday afternoon and Friday's lesson will be class teacher lead.

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Art: Line (Drawing)

We will be exploring the work of Pablo Picasso and using his famous painting 'self-portrait' to create our own versions.

History

We will be exploring and comparing toys from the Victorian Era to those that children have now.

Computing

We will be focusing on Computing Systems and Networks – Technology and Information around us.
Our Online Safety Unit is Digital Literacy: Project Evolve: Online Relationships.

Science

The children will focus on animals including humans. We will classify animals into different groups including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

RE

In Autumn 1 – The children will explore the story of 'The lost Son' and consider what they believe God is like.

In Autumn 2 – We will look at incarnation and consider 'why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Design and Technology: Textiles

The children will design a puppet and evaluate these. The key skills they will be using are :

- Use a template to create a design for the puppet
 - Cut fabric neatly with scissors
- Learn different ways to join fabrics together – pinning, stapling and gluing
 - Use joining methods to decorate a puppet
- Reflect on the finished product explaining likes and dislikes

PSHE: (Personal, Social, Health & Education):

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on the topics 'Physical Health and Well Being'. During this topic the children will learn about what foods are associated with different celebrations in different cultures. We look at personal safety and keeping safe in the sun.

Geography

The children will learn mapping skills in order to name, locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding areas.

Ideas for creative writing at home this term...

- Write a recount of your favourite part of the summer holiday.
- Create a list of items to pack in a suitcase.
- Write a postcard to a friend/family member.
- Create a picture that shares the emotions that the character is feeling.
 - Write a story with a beginning, middle and end.
- Write your own version of the three little pigs.

Homework

We welcome and encourage children to continue their learning beyond school and share the results with us. We have consciously decided not to publish or set homework sheets to avoid these becoming a list to work through however there are some key weekly tasks/ activities that we would like all children to complete. These are outlined on this page alongside some ideas to encourage creative writing at home...

TT Rockstars App

Being confident at times tables helps all areas of Maths including problem solving. Daily Practice on TT Rockstars will improve times table recall and speed and incorrect answers are immediately corrected so that children start to associate the correct answer to every question.



Phonics/Spellings

In KS1 in addition to daily phonics we read three times a week in school. Please listen to your child when they bring home their reading practice book each week. We will also send home a list of spellings linked to the phonics they have been learning that week. Please encourage your child to practice these during the week.



Daily Reading

Learning to read – and to love to read – is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond.

Reading **daily** with and to your child is the single most important thing that you can do to help them with their learning.

For more information about how to support your child with their reading, please visit our school website.