

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back! It is so lovely to see all the children back in school after lockdown. I was delighted to have the opportunity to get to know some of the children in June who returned to school before we broke up in July. I have enjoyed finding out the things your children enjoy doing in their spare time and also the learning in school they particularly like. This half-term the children will begin by exploring our class value which is courage. We will also spend time thinking about how we can make good friendships and value each other.

Mrs Els is our class teaching assistant and we also welcome Mrs Watson who is giving extra support to some of the children.

I look forward to sharing your child's learning journey.

Mrs Turner

Courage: We will use stories, including those from the Bible and other faiths, to learn more about our class value. We will think about how we can teach others in the school about courage over the year.

Our topics for Autumn 1 and 2 are:
Picturing Places—a geography focused unit

The Paper Bag Princess—a history based unit



Don't Forget

Library

Friday

Be ready to change your book!

PE

Tuesday & Friday

You will need a warm NAMED PE kit with trainers for outdoors and shorts and a t-shirt for indoors.

Special days

Friday 18th September:
Dress like a pirate day!

6th and 8th October- Parent-teacher consultations

How you can help at home?

- Read every day with your child
- Practise the common exception words for reading and spelling that we will begin to send home.

English

We will read, tell and write stories linked to our class values of Courage, using Aesop's fables to inspire us. Children will be focusing on their sentence skills and on developing and selecting vocabulary that is adventurous. In Autumn 1 we will be writing character descriptions; letters; journey stories and information texts. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at poems; instructions and traditional stories about princes and princesses. All children will learn the Common Exception words for Year 2 and weekly spellings linked to their phonics groups will be sent home.

RE

Our focus in RE for Autumn 1 is who should you follow? We will be looking at leaders who are known to us and also leaders from a variety of different faiths. In Autumn 2 we will ask the question: Should you wear religious symbol? We will explore how different faiths express their beliefs by what they wear.

Maths

Across the two half terms we will be extending our knowledge of numbers to 100; finding 10 more and 10 less; adding and subtracting a 2 digit and a 1 digit number; counting coins and notes and comparing amounts of money. We will be making equal groups; using arrays and solving multiplication word problems.

Please continue working with your child on number bonds to 20 and 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. Being able to recall these facts instantly will benefit them greatly.

Science

We will be studying everyday materials particularly relating them to buildings. So please spend time noticing the variety of materials which are around your house. Are they man made or natural?

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