Curriculum Newsletter Class 2

September 2026



Amazing Animals...Including Humans!



Welcome to Class 2! There are lots of new routines to get used to and we are really pleased with how well the children have come back in ready to learn. We are looking forward to the year ahead as we explore new ideas and topics together. Please check Google Classroom to see what we are doing in class. We regularly post useful links to things that we have done in class. Homework tasks will also be set on Google Classroom so please check every Friday. (Starting next week) If you have any general questions or comments, please let us know using the assignment called **'Messages for Class 2 Staff'.**

Please check that **ALL uniform** including **PE kit is labelled** as it makes it so much easier to return roaming jumpers!

Please send your child's book bag and a named water bottle in to school every day. Thank you!

Mrs Bland and Miss Jackson

English, Communication and Language

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons to secure and build on Year 1 learning up until Christmas. In Year 2 we have daily Guided Reading sessions. Spellings will be supported through Spelling Shed (EdShed) and practised in homework books.

Our writing this term, will focus on a different book or text each week. Titles for this term are linked to our topics and include The Suitcase, The Mole and The Baby Bird, Owls, The King Who Banned The Dark, and Vlad and The Great Fire of London. The week begins with activities to learn and explore the story, the characters the setting etc... The other four sessions will begin with the transcriptional skills of handwriting, spelling and oral composition, followed by writing clear sentences. These will build into longer texts as the children's foundational skills develop.

Human, Social, Environmental Understanding

In Geography we will gather, record and analyse information on the weather in our school grounds and learn about the different climate zones.

We will consider how we can learn about the past as we become 'History Detectives' to find out about the lives and impact of two significant people and how they changed health care and hospitals.



We use Jigsaw to deliver our RE curriculum. This term our world view is Christianity and we will explore two enquiry questions:

1.Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time? We will investigate how Christians might follow Jesus' example of being kind to people.

2.Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world? This enquiry investigates the Christian belief in Jesus as a gift of love to humanity.

Music

Miss Jackson will deliver our music lessons on a Thursday afternoon using the Sing Up music scheme which follows the National Curriculum. Get ready for some ear-worms!

Mathematical Understanding

In Maths we will be consolidating:

-counting to 100 forwards and backwards

-partitioning teen numbers and other 2d numbers

-counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10

-recall of addition and subtraction facts within 10/20

Daily Mastering Number sessions help children to develop solid number sense, fluency in calculation, and flexibility with numbers.

We will learn different strategies to add or subtract two numbers and use these to solve problems such as missing number problems.

We will then further our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and learn about faces, edges, vertices and lines of symmetry

Please help your child to practise their number facts and 'Learn Its' that will come home this week. Regular practice helps us to beat our highest scores in the weekly 'Beat That' challenge!

Scientific and Technological Understanding

In our Science unit, Animals- Including Humans, we will look at animal young and compare them to their parents. We will be introduced to the life cycles of several varied common animals, including humans. We look in detail at how humans change as they grow older, drawing on their own observations. We will learn the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air) and we will discuss the importance of a healthy balanced diet and good hygiene.



We will be working scientifically as we:

-make predictions about how we will change physically by the end of the year.

-describe the effects of exercise on the body

-describe the importance of exercise, healthy eating and good hygiene

In ICT we will become more efficient when logging on to the chrome books with our usernames and passwords. Using Purple Mash we will cover three units Creating Pictures, Making Music, and Spreadsheets.

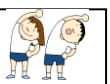
Understanding Art and Design

In our Monochromatic drawing and collage unit, children will develop their understanding of pattern. They will create a variety of monochromatic patterns and look at animals, mosaic flooring, wallpaper and mehndi designs. They will develop their mastery of pencil control, working to draw detailed and precise patterns.



In DT, Children will explore houses from the time of the Great Fire of London and investigate why some buildings were strong or weak and how the fire spread so quickly. Through hands-on construction activities, they will develop accurate measuring and cutting skills and learn how adding supports and cross-bracing can make structures stronger and more stable.

Physical Development



PE sessions will be on a Monday and a Wednesday afternoon. These may take place outside so suitable footwear such as trainers and a warm fleece would be useful additions to the usual PE kit!