

Class 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the first class newsletter of the school year! I hope you are well and feeling happy and confident about our new term, despite the current situation.

I'd like to take the opportunity to reassure you that we are following Government guidelines such as frequent hand-washing, keeping windows open, sitting in rows facing the front of the class and staying in our class 'bubble'. It is to the children's credit that they are already adapting well to this 'new normal'.

Our topic this term is *Houses and Homes*; much of our work across the curriculum will be linked to this theme wherever possible.

English

Y1 will focus upon phonics, spelling and sentence construction. They will also practise their writing skills in both fiction and non-fiction genres. We will have daily phonics lessons in order to catch up / revise sounds taught in Class 1.

Y2 will explore both fiction and non-fiction texts and they will have the opportunity to write stories and reports. They will also access daily phonics lessons in order to revise previously taught sounds and catch up with work missed due to lockdown. *Y2 will be formally assessed on their phonic knowledge between October half-term and Christmas.*

Maths

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to practise their computation skills (addition and subtraction) and there will be a continued emphasis upon place value. We will develop our ability to solve problems and use our reasoning skills. Again, we will also have Basic Skills lessons to address any gaps which become evident.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science this half-term and the children will be investigating the basic needs of all animals, including humans.

Art

In Art we will be exploring, designing and making collages using natural materials found in the environment.

R.E.

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching R.E. and the topic is *What do different faiths believe about how the world began?*

I.C.T.

In ICT we will be discussing the use of computers and technology in our homes and we will be programming Beebots. Of course, there will be an ongoing emphasis upon how we keep ourselves safe online using the *Lee and Kim* learning tool.

P.E.

Our P.E. day is **Monday**; *children are to come to school dressed in their PE kits please*. Miss Jewett will teach P.E. with a focus upon games skills.

PSHE

In PSHE there will be a strong emphasis upon expressing and discussing feelings as well as creating codes of conduct and class expectations.

History

In History we will be exploring changes in our locality in living memory, identifying changes in houses and school within the last hundred years.

Spanish

In Spanish we will practise counting to ten and using simple greetings.

Reading books /Spellings/Homework

As we can no longer invite our volunteers into school to hear children read individually, books will be changed only once a week by Miss Jewett who will also listen to each child read. Two books will be given out to be returned the following week; there will be no library books available until further notice. If you have any school books at home, please return them as soon as possible. Books will be 'quarantined' to avoid cross-contamination.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. We are planning to provide online homework and are currently exploring all options; more information will be provided when we have secured online schemes etc.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have already shown your child so far in our school and to ask you to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns - we are all learning together in these unprecedented times!

Thank you

Miss T.Forth