

Autumn Term

Class 2

Welcome back to class 2!

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break! All of the children have settled well into their new classroom and are keen to work hard and learn exciting new things. Our classroom is always a happy, vibrant place and every child is recognised for their strengths and talents.

RRSA Article 28– Every child has the right to an education.

English

Our class novels for this term are, **The Rainbow Fish and The snowman and snowdog**. We are initially focusing on our handwriting, spelling and phonics for the first half term. We are hoping to write extended pieces such as newspaper reports, poetry, recounts and instructions by Christmas.



Maths

Over the year we will be covering all aspects of the National Curriculum. We are focusing initially on 'Number', and 'Place Value', as these form the basis for learning to then be built upon. We initially are trying hard to form our numbers correctly, and working hard on presentation. We will also be covering place value, addition and subtraction, geometry – Shape, and measurement: money.

'Out of this world' reading

In Class 2 we have launched an 'Out of This World' reading challenge to encourage reading for pleasure. Try and read your child's home/school reading book or their own book for pleasure and write a brief comment in their 'Reading Record Book' and sign the entry. Children do not have to be restricted to their reading book from school, once they have finished these books, choose one of your own. You can write this as an entry into the diary (one book per box please). In our classroom, you will see an 'Out of This World' reading display which shows the planets of the solar system. Every child has their own rocket with which they can travel around the planets as they go on a 'journey through reading'. Children can count their reading entries, move their rocket and receive a stamp on their Reading Reward Chart.

Reading is an integral part of learning and is very important for children's learning and development. Encourage your child to bring their reading record book and home/school reading book into class every day, this will allow us to listen to them read and share their book with them as often as possible. I can't stress enough how important it is to listen to your child read at home. They are at the age where this is crucial to learning.



Science

Across the year we will be focusing on working scientifically as well as seasonal changes. This term we are focusing on 'Animals including humans', and growing needs.

Organisation in Class 2

Miss Darwin: Monday to Wednesday, Friday

Mrs Dobson: All day Thursday

Mrs Laundon: All day Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Tuesday morning

Homework

As per the 'Homework policy', children will receive homework weekly (1hour time allocation). This will be mainly reading however, will increase to literacy and mathematic activities. A homework book will be given out on a Friday, and is expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

Art

Children will be provided with many opportunities to use a wide range of mediums; pastels, watercolours, pencils and explore a range of techniques; collage, sketching, shading, and painting. There will be a particular emphasis on learning about colour, and this will be explored through the other themes which the children are learning about in class (Rainbow Fish). We will also be looking at work from particular artists such as **Jackson Pollock, Paul Klee and Kandinsky (colour)**.



Geography

We will be carrying out some local fieldwork around the local area. We will be looking at how to use maps and looking at where we live.

Design Technology

This term we will be focusing on 'food', and baking. We will be cooking some goodies this Christmas such as cookies where we will explore many different flavours, textures, colours and shapes. The most exciting part will be tasting these home made treats!!

History

We will not be beginning our history topic until after half term and working towards Christmas. Our topic will include looking at Christmas in the past and how Christmas was different for our parents/grandparents.

Special Helpers

Each week, two children are chosen as 'special helpers'. These two children are responsible for the register, handing out snack, ensuring our classroom is tidy and that equipment is handed out to our children.



Religious Education

This term we will be covering, 'Family – Beginning', 'Belonging- Signs and Symbols', and 'Loving – Preparing'. Whilst in our classroom, we will also be focusing on mindfulness and how we can become closer to God. We will engage in Christian meditation to allow us to be still and peaceful. Time to reflect is very important, especially when our little ones have such busy lives!

Rewards

In Class 2 we use an online tool called, 'Class Dojo'. Children can receive 'Dojo/Achievement points' to acknowledge good work, manners etc. Children can also have points taken away for negative behaviours. Each child has their own dojo monster!



Star of the week!

One child will be chosen at the end of each week to be the class 'star of the week' The award will be given for good behaviour and hard work. That child will receive a special certificate to take home and celebrate their achievements. The children are highly motivated to get this reward.



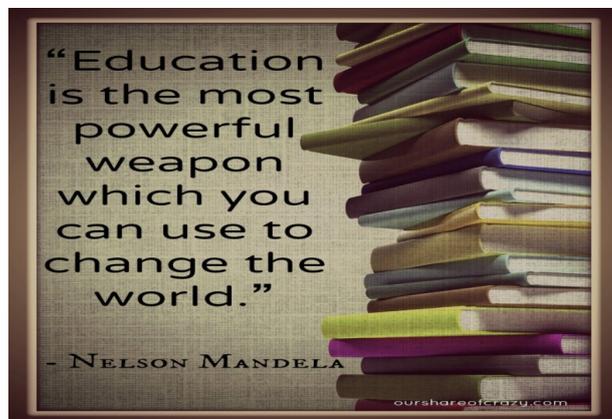
Golden Assembly

We will soon be starting Golden assemblies. This is where we celebrate the achievement of the children across the whole school. One child is chosen from each class and they will be presented with a golden cushion by Mrs Hill in assembly. They will keep this cushion for the whole week to sit on in class. They will also receive a certificate to take home.

RRSA Article 29 -Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest.

PE Monday & Friday

All pupils now have a PE kit in school, so thank you for your support. We continue to encourage independence when getting ready for PE, so please may I request that you consider what your child is wearing on Mondays and Fridays. Some children struggle with pinafores and buttons. Children's PE kit must adhere to the schools uniform policy.



If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open. I hope that this school year is filled with some fantastic learning opportunities for your children, and that they have a wonderful year. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Darwin

