



Class 2

Spring newsletter

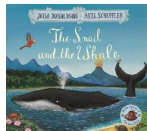
Welcome to Class 2! This half term we are traveling around the world as part of our topic. We are going to explore the cultures, the animals, the music, the landscapes and all of the wonderful things that some countries have to offer!! This topic lends itself to many subjects such as art D.T, geography, science, music and English. After half term, our topic is 'Green fingers' where we will get an opportunity to look at growth, and grow some plants of our own!!

I'd like to say thank you to you all for your continued support so far and say that your children are a pleasure to have in the classroom. If you ever have any queries/questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Miss Darwin

English

This term we are focusing on ways to make our writing exciting! Year 1 children will be focusing on sentence structure, and joining sentences using the word, 'and' to add information. Year 2 children will be beginning to develop stamina and develop skills in their writing. Our writing will focus on novels in class and follow the children's interests. There are many opportunities in our classroom for children to write independently in their free play.



Maths

Year 1

Number : Addition and subtraction place value (within 50 and multiples of 2, 5, and 10).

Measurement: Length and Height, Weight and Volume.

Year 2:

Number: Multiplication and Division, statistics

Geometry: Properties of shape,

Number: Fractions,

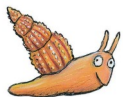
Measurement: Length and height.

Science

In science this term, we will be looking at animals and their habitats as well as food chains through out 'Around the world' topic. We will look at animals from hot and cold places and identify how their habitat is essential to their survival. After half term, our topic of 'Green fingers' opens up opportunities to focus on plants and look at growth.

Geography

As part of our Geography this term, we will be looking at countries around the world, identifying the different climates. We will also look at physical and man made features and landmarks. This will tie into our 'Around the world' topic.



Reading and phonics

Just a little reminder that reading with your child is so important. In class, we listen to the children read all of the time as this helps the children in all aspects of English. Thank you very much for your continued support with our 'Out of this world' reading chart. The children are flying through the planets and I am so impressed with the amount of books that they are reading!

We continue to teach discrete phonics with your children every day. We are moving through phases 3, 4 and 5 of the phonics. It would be great if you could practice these with your child at home too! There are websites such as 'Phonics Play', and 'ICT Games' which your children are familiar with and could use independently. If you would like a list of the sounds/ useful websites, please do not hesitate to ask! There are also materials online for practice phonics screening papers for you to use.



RE

Our RE topics this term will cover:

Local church - Community: books

Eucharist - relating: thanksgiving

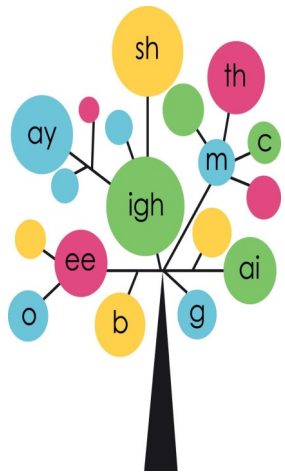
Lent/Easter - giving: opportunities.

Our children engage in many spiritual experiences within school life and we try to meditate regularly in class. This helps us to be mindful and peaceful and focused on our day to day tasks. It gives the children a chance to gather their own thoughts and be still for a small period of time in the day.

Things to remember:

Our **PE** days are Monday and Friday afternoon. 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 school's uniform policy. When the weather begins to brighten up, we will begin PE outdoors therefore children will need outdoors shoes. A reminder will be sent home nearer the time.

Children's **homework** will be sent out every Friday and is expected to be returned on the following Wednesday. Please could you try to return it either on or before this day so new homework can be set.



Dates/times to remember...

Sponsored pancake flip	9th February
Class 1 and 2 Palm Sunday liturgy—Parents welcome	26th March 2:30pm
Parents evening	27th March
World book day!	1st March
Class 2 Eid assembly—Parents welcome	15th June 2:30pm

Class 2 rewards

As mentioned previously, I value children building up self confidence and self-esteem. Everyday in class, we have lots of fun and learn that it is alright to make mistakes, as this is something we learn from. We continue to use 'Class dojo', 'star of the week', and 'golden cushion'. We have also developed a 'Hall of fame' session, this is where myself and Mrs Laundon showcase children for their excellent work in class. This can be anything from good manners, to producing brilliant work. The children also get chance to nominate their peers for good work too!!

