



Curriculum Newsletter.

Year 2

Autumn 2022

Welcome back to Year 2! We have some wonderful and exciting learning opportunities planned for this term, and we cannot wait to get started. All the classes in school are named after an inspirational person.

Miss Battams' class will be called Wilkinson Class.

Mrs Hodges' and Miss Bishop's class will be known as Teresa Class.

A Few Reminders.

Uniform.

Children must all be wearing correct school uniform, and this should be worn each day. Children need to be wearing black shoes and not trainers. Please can you ensure **all** items of uniform are named. Please speak to a member of the team if you need any information regarding uniform.

Bags and water bottles.

We politely request you do not send your child into school with bags or any unnecessary items from home eg toys. Children only need a book bag and a lunch box if required. Please send in a named water bottle for your child each day that they can access in class.

PE Kit.

All children should wear full PE kit to school every Wednesday. They do not need to bring uniform as children will not be changing during the day. Jewellery must not be worn for PE. In the case of children with earrings, these should be a single stud and must not be a hooped earring. Children must be able to remove their own earrings themselves for PE.

PE kit consists of black shorts, a plain white or black T-shirt and trainers. A dark coloured tracksuit or joggers may be worn if required in colder weather.

Homework.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** afternoon to be returned completed the following **Wednesday**. This will be one piece of work and 10 spellings weekly. Please support your child completing their homework, but we request you do not complete the work for them as this will not help them practice the learning. All learning will be based upon a skill we have been practising in class that week, and will not be new learning.

Reading.

Parents are asked to read with your child each night and record this in the reading record book. Your child needs to return their book every **Monday** and this will then be changed. Currently, books will be changed **once a week**. Children benefit enormously from frequently reading and discussing the books they have read at home, as this helps them develop key skills they will need to use all year across the whole curriculum.

English

In English this term, the children will continue to develop their phonetic skills and understanding to help create a more in-depth knowledge of spelling. Within English lessons, we will be using the story Journey by Aaron Becker to engage and excite the children. English lessons will focus upon both reading and writing skills, and will involve a range of drama techniques to support the learning. By the end of this topic, all children will have written their own adventure story retelling the story.

Throughout these lessons, grammar and punctuation techniques will also be taught. Children's spelling of the common exception words will also frequently be checked. Children will also practise correct formation and sizing of letters using the Kinetic Letters scheme to develop their handwriting. Please ask if you would like a copy of the letter formations.

Maths

This term's focus is on number and place value. We will be counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from 0, counting in tens from any given number forwards and backwards, and recognising the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones). We will also be comparing numbers from 0-100, and we will be reading and writing numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words. Throughout all this term, we will be challenging children to solve problems using different resources. We will also be focussing upon number recognition and formation and practising our times tables.

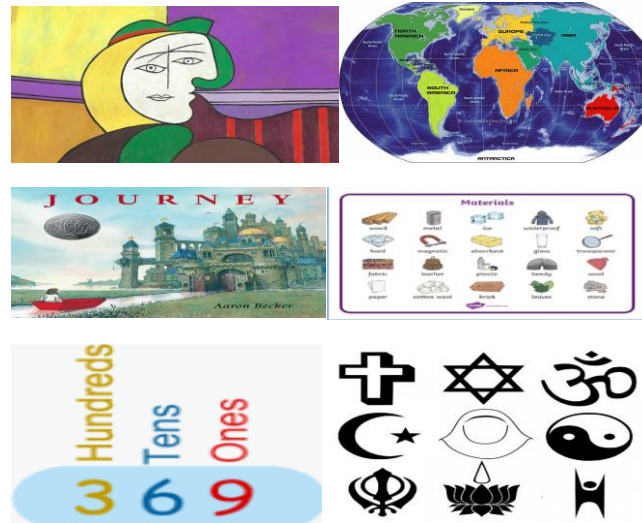
PE

This term children will be focussing upon developing different ways of moving and developing their coordination. Children will also have the opportunity to develop their personal skills, and they will learn to work as part of a team.

Foundation Subjects

This half term we will be learning about History as part of our foundation curriculum. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be learning about the Great Fire of Northampton. We will be learning about when, how and why the fire started and we will be learning about and exploring its effects upon the town's history.

In Art, children will be focussing upon how to complete a pencil drawing of a building and learning how to add shading and tone to create a 3D effect.



Science

This term we will be learning about materials and their properties. We will be exploring the properties of different materials and why we select certain materials for certain jobs. We will be carrying out simple experiments and learning how to make predictions and record observations. We will also be learning lots of new scientific vocabulary linked to materials and their properties and uses.

PSHE

Across the school, we will be looking at our new whole school rules and routines. We will be looking at what each of our emotions mean and how we react or deal with them. Within this, we will also cover protective behaviours. We will be focussing upon how to protect others and ourselves from harm, and what to do if we feel unsafe.

RE

In RE this half term, children will be learning about Islam. They will be learning how it differs to other religious beliefs in the world and to their own. We will be looking at key events, places, artefacts and practices in the life of a Muslim family.