

Class 2 Topic Autumn 2018

Our topic theme this half term is ***'Create, Invent, Explore,' very much a cross curricular theme.***

ENGLISH	During literacy this half term, the children will be developing their writing, reading and role play skills through the exploration of a particular focus text, which the children will be introduced to during the first full week of the new term. Written focus will be on developing a cursive writing style; introducing, reinforcing and consolidating different simple sentence structures as well as understanding the role of nouns, pronouns and adjectives within sentences. Other focal areas will be expanded noun phrases, past/present tenses and the spelling rules, sequencing and the use of conjunctions. Our key aim is to write a good diary extract as well as some letter writing. A wonderful focus on encouraging a love for reading will be annotated in class reading journals, mapping a journey through individual reading, paired reading, shared reading to class reading and a whole variety of different responses to these experiences.
MATHS	In numeracy, the children will be: counting, partitioning, calculating & securing number facts; Year 2 will be securing number bonds to 20; addition and subtraction, place value, ordering and comparing numbers up to 100. Year 3 will be further consolidating these skills up to 1000. The Maths Awards for KS1 and KS2 will continue, for which a letter will follow to explain the awards further. Year 3s moving into KS2 must have a secure recall of their addition and subtraction facts to 20 and will focus on mental calculations to 100 and their times tables. Bronze, Silver and Gold smiley face badges are awarded in KS1 whereas stars are awarded in Year 3.
SCIENCE	Our science unit this term is <i>'Introducing Scientific Enquiry through a study of Animals and Plants.'</i> This will provide the children with many opportunities to explore, in groups, a range of activities.
HISTORY	A study of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Chronological report writing will further reinforce the English skills being taught.
GEOGRAPHY	During Geography this half term, the children will be studying the countries, continents and oceans.
ART & DESIGN	Exploring and understanding colour through the use of different media aims to inspire young creative minds.
R.E.	Concept: Specialness Particularly books that are held precious within our lives, and different cultures.
I.C.T	Algorithms, following directional instructions and creating simple maps.
MUSIC	We have a Federation Music Teacher, Mrs Wendy Lee, who will deliver a music programme across the school, and the Federation.
P.E	A Sports Coach will deliver PE lessons on a Friday morning.
French	Mrs cooper will be teaching French on a Friday afternoon. Teaching the children to greet one another, learn new vocabulary and hold a short introductory conversation in French. They will also learn their colours and numbers. This will be reinforced through registration and appropriate other points throughout each day ☺

Weekly practise of spellings and number bonds is also essential. Spellings and number bonds will be given to the children each Monday, to be practised daily and tested each Friday. All children will be given homework books, where spellings can be reinforced contextually and Maths practised.

Kind regards

Miss Cutter on behalf of the Class 2 Team ☐