

Class 2's Learning letter

We are delighted to welcome you back! We have missed you all. Our primary concern over these next weeks is to make sure that your child settles well and is happy in school after the uncertainty of the past months. However, we are also excited to start our new and fascinating topic 'Around the World in 40 Days'. This topic focuses on hot and cold places and the different types of animals in the world. The new learning, skills and opportunities that your child will experience are set out below. Mrs Gastall & Miss Anderson



English

This half term we will be covering different areas of literacy:

- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- Reading and analysing the story 'Lost & Found'
- Non chronological reports
- Poetry

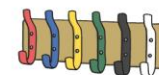
Starting this topic, we will be focusing on the story of 'Lost and Found' which follows a boy and a penguin (who arrives on his doorstep). This beautiful story depicts the journey that the boy takes to try to return the penguin to his home. The children will recite the story through use of a story map and eventually build up to writing their own story based on the original. We will then focus on non-fiction and information texts through a non-chronological report. Finally, the children will explore the 'Animals went in two by two poem before composing their very own poem.

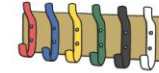
Maths

This term we will be focusing on several areas of Numeracy:

- Number
- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

This half term we will be focusing on reading, recognising and writing different numbers, comparing numbers and ordering them on a number line. We will investigate the value of a number by identifying how many tens and units it is made up of. Using the knowledge of place value, we will begin to learn new written methods of addition and subtraction and use pictures and objects to help us. We will also learn to count objects in groups of tens, twos and fives.





Key learning in Science

Through our topic, the children will learn how to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will recognise what makes an animal either a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. The children will describe and compare the different structures of animals and group them according to their different features. They will also learn how animals use their senses to explore and to help them survive.

Key learning in Geography

We hope to inspire in the children, a curiosity and fascination about the world through looking at where hot and cold places such as the Equator and the North and South Poles are in the world. The children will look at seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. We will also look at what types of animals live and plants grow in hot and cold places.

Key learning in Art and Design

The children will be experimenting with different materials such as charcoal and chalk to draw different landscapes. From studying images of animals, the children will make observational drawings of animals. They will also create a clay sculpture of an animal.

Please bring your child's reading book in their book bag on Wednesdays as the books will be changed on this day. It is important that you hear your child read at least a couple of pages from their book on a daily basis. It is beneficial for your child to reread their book over the week so that they are confident in reading it when it is returned to school. Your child can also read books from home to develop their reading. We will be sending out spellings for your child to learn at home each Friday. Please could you look at the spellings at home with your child and encourage them to practise them independently. Your child will then be tested on these spellings the following Friday. Your child can also practise their spellings on spelling shed.

Alongside myself and Miss Anderson, we will have other members of staff helping at different times in the classroom. Mrs Roberts will be teaching PE on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Brodie, Miss Conway and Mr Fisher will be supporting the children through activities such as phonics, ICT and small group work, throughout different points in the week.

RE
This half term our R.E unit is Christianity. Particular focus will be on our Christian value for this half term of 'Thankfulness' and how we have much to be grateful to God for. We will look at what we would like to say thank you to God for.

PE
Lessons will be on a Wednesday morning. Due to the current situation, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate clothes for PE. Please make sure they are dressed to go outside and for the colder weather.

