



Be the BEST You Can Be

# Class 2 Newsletter



## Term 2 2021

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23*

### Well done Class Two!

As term one comes to a close I would just like to say a huge well done to all of the children in Class 2. They have all settled in so well and are showing just how independent they are becoming in their learning. Looking back over the last seven weeks, we have achieved so much, including our Harvest performance and Zoolab workshop. Term 2 is set to be really exciting, with a new topic as well as lots of festive activities in preparation for Christmas. Read on to find out what this term has in store.

### What we are learning

Our topic for this term is 'Childhood, Then and Now'. The children will be learning all about childhood and how it has changed over time, from toys crazes to schools to homes. We will begin by looking at what the children have found out through their own research for their amazing holiday homework.

In Literacy we will begin by learning the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. The children will write their own stories about a disgusting food, based on the structure of the original story. The food theme will continue through our non-fiction writing, which will focus on recipes, while in poetry we will be exploring classic poems.

This term in Maths we will be learning various methods of calculating addition and subtraction problems. Towards the end of the term the children will explore money and solve real-life problems, including paying for items and giving change. Our KIRF for term 2 is 'multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table'. Knowledge organisers for this will be sent out in week one.

Our learning in Science will focus on 'Animals, Including Humans'. The children will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy.

In Design and Technology the children will be investigating how to work with fabric. They will design and make their own bunting. They will be given the chance to explore different fabrics that they could use to enhance their designs. Using techniques such as sewing, stapling and gluing, children will decorate their felt flag. Finally, they will evaluate their product.

The RE unit this term is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians. We will be learning the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians, recognising that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels. We will explore ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas and the children will decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time.

In Computing children will learn how to keep safe online, through search engines and email. They will also explore what their digital footprint is. We will follow this by investigating spreadsheets.

Our PSHE unit this term is called 'Celebrating Difference'. We will explore how we can show respect for similarity and difference. We will also discuss bullying, what it is, why it happens and how we can stand up for ourselves..

In PE the children will explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus. They will develop gymnastic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling individually and in combination to create short sequences and movement phrases.

Our learning in Music will have a Christmas theme, focusing on the song 'Ho, Ho, Ho - A Christmas Song'. Children will listen & appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and playing.

## Learning at home

Learning to read is one of the most crucial skills your child will acquire, while at primary school. Being able to read words and understand what is being read not only enables children to enjoy a wide range of stories and poems, it allows them to learn new facts, understand things that they need to do and access the rest of the curriculum. Reading opens up a whole world of ideas and opportunities. We therefore encourage all children to read at home every day in order to practice and develop the skills needed to become a fluent and competent reader. To encourage this further in Class Two, we have a 'Reader of the Week'. We are monitoring how much your child reads at home across the week, by using their reading records as a guide and awarding Reader of the Week, based on effort made. We hope that you will support us in this by regularly listening to your child read at home and signing their reading record each time.

As I highlighted in my previous newsletter, please don't be alarmed if your child keeps bringing the same book home. Children need to be confident in reading a book, before we will change it, in order to secure their understanding of the words and content they have read.

In Year 2 we listen to the children read through Group Reading. During this time we will be focusing on the many different skills needed to enable children to become good readers, from understanding how to decode unfamiliar words to showing comprehension of a text.

It's great to see so many children completing their homework each week. Please encourage your child to keep it up as it benefits them greatly by consolidating their learning in class that week.

## Dates for this term

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Start of Term 2

15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Odd Sock Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Mufti Day - donation for the Christmas Fayre

8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fayre

14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nativity

17<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of Term 2.30pm

## Useful Information

### Year 2 Staff

Due to a staffing restructure, the children will no longer be taught by Mr Pile and Mrs Fenton on a Tuesday afternoon. Instead, Mrs Gallimore will be teaching the children in the afternoon. Can you please give her a little wave at the end of the day, so that she can get to know who you are, when sending the children out.

### PE

Our regular PE day will continue to be **Tuesday**. Please can you make sure that your children come to school every Tuesday, wearing the correct PE uniform. This should include a burgundy t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and daps or trainers. The children may also wear a school PE hoodie. All items can be purchased from Goodies. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.



**Ho! Ho! Ho!** Yes, Christmas is coming, which can only mean one thing - the Key Stage 1 nativity! As always, we appreciate all your support with this, especially costumes. You should receive a letter very soon with regards to costumes.

## ...and finally

If you would like more information about what we will be covering this term and key vocabulary linked to our topics, please look at the Class 2/Term 2 page on our school website.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

*The Year 2 Team*