

Class 2 (KS1) Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely half term break with some trick or treating and bonfire fun.

I have been hearing about all of the things that the children did and where they went. I hope you all managed to rest as well, and the children (and you) are ready for what is always a very busy but lovely half term.

Our topic for this half term is '**Explorers**' with a focus on the question '**Where can an adventure take you?**' On Wednesday we gathered in our PAL groups to discuss what we already know about explorers and exploring and some of the things we would like to learn. We had some fantastic discussions which made the children start to really think about what they would like to find out. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's contributions and ideas. It was a fantastic awe and wonder filled afternoon.

Routines in Class 2:

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a named and full water bottle (with water) to school every day. They live in a box on the shelf next to the main door throughout the day and we can refill them if they are emptied.

Reading: Children will read to an adult in school at least once a week as well as a guided reading session once a week. Please read with your child as often as possible (at least 3 times a week is preferable), even if only for a few minutes. Please date and sign their reading record each time they read to you. There is a chart stuck in their new reading diaries. Every time your child reads, please colour in a box/initial on the relevant week and day. They will be rewarded with dojo's for however many times they read a week.

PE: PE is on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Your child will need to come in their Holy Trinity PE kits on those days. Monday afternoon will be in church with me and Thursday will be outside with a coach, where the children will experience different skills for different sports. As the weather starts to turn colder, please could your child bring a jumper (not hooded) to wear, or they can wear their school jumper.

Book Bags: Whilst we try to check children's book bags, there may be times when we can't. **Please encourage your child to hand any reply slips or money to a member of staff as they come into school. Please can you also check your child's book bag on a daily basis as there is often something in there for you to read.**

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term. I also post updates and information on Dojo and appreciate all of your comments and messages 😊

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email me: j.johnson-cooper@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk

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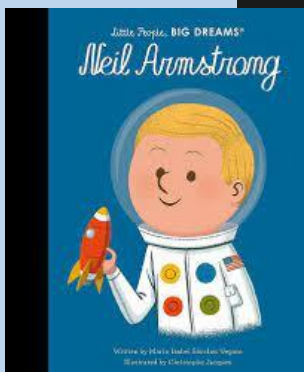
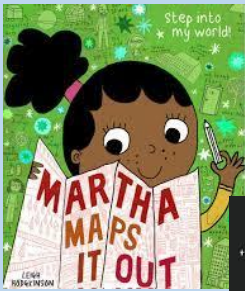
English

We will read and look at different books and texts linked to our topic - We will look at two stories - Martha Maps it out and The Way Back Home and non-fiction books about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong.

We will also be writing some letters to link up with a school in Uganda. It is the school that we are raising the money for, to provide a bore hole.

We will write fact files about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong and a newspaper report about the first moon landing.

We will write our own version of an adventure that we would like to go on after finding an aeroplane in our wardrobes!



Maths

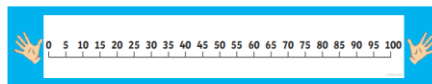
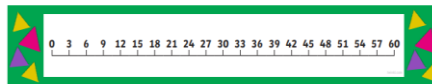
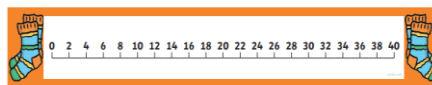
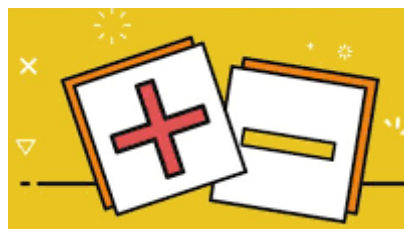
In maths:

Year 1's will be introduced to part-part whole models in addition and subtraction and we will learn fact families and number bonds to 10. The children will do addition by

adding together and adding more then go on to solve addition problems. They will also subtract by taking away.

Year 2's will continue to practice counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Children will practice number bonds to 10 in order to find related facts when looking at number bonds to 100. We will add three 1-digit numbers and learn 10 more and 10 less.

Both year groups will also learn about shape - both 2D and 3D and the properties of different shapes.



Phonics

In phonics Year 1's will complete their learning of the Set 2 phonemes. We will then recap all of the digraphs and trigraphs and focus more on writing sentences and applying them within words.

Year 2's will learn the 'ey' (ee) sound at the end of words. They will learn words with an 'or' sound but are spelt with al or all. For example walk, talk, ball, small. We will explore strategies for having a go at spelling words more independently.



Sentence Writing

DIRECTIONS: Write each sentence.

She wears a red dress.



She is sitting.



He is on a bike.



She has a toy.



Science, History & Geography

In Science children will learn about materials. Year 1's will name materials, identifying materials that objects are made from. We will look at the properties of materials and test them by carrying out an investigation. Year 2's will compare the suitability of materials and find about how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by bending, squashing, twisting and stretching.



In History we will learn about the famous explorer Christopher Columbus - what he did and how he did it. We have done lots of learning this week about Remembrance/Armistice Day and why it is important to remember.



In Geography we will learn more about our local area - the features of a town compared to a city and what there is to explore in Southwell and surrounding areas.



RE & Heart Smart

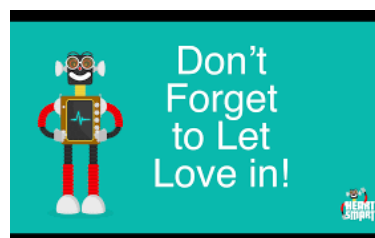
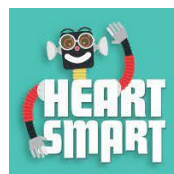
RE this term will focus on 'Incarnation' and think about the question - Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will learn about the characters in the Nativity story and what happens and why.

We will also learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali.



In Heart Smart the theme is 'Don't Forget to Let Love in'.

Children will learn how to recognise their strengths and the ways in which they are all unique. They will learn to differentiate the truths and lies that they hear. They will also learn that being thankful for what they have, helps them develop a gratitude attitude.

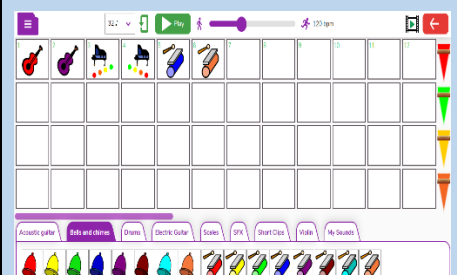


Computing

This half term we will use Purple Mash to do some work on Materials. Children will create an information poster about different materials and their properties.

We will do some grouping and sorting on the Chrome Books. We will look at pictograms and the data that they show.

We will also use Purple Mash to create sounds in Music.



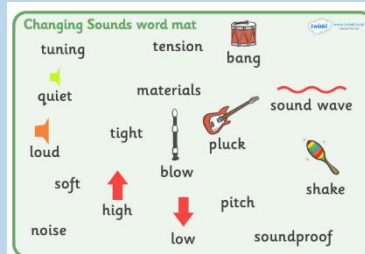
PE

On a Monday children will be doing PE in the church with me. We will continue with Gymnastics where we will be doing sequences, balances and travelling. On a Thursday Josh will be doing tennis and team games that involve individual skills.



Music

In Music we will learn about a Sonic explorer that travels to different locations to explore the many sounds that can be found. We will identify changes in sound and make sequences of sound. Then use sounds to create effect.



Art & Design & Technology

In Art we will have a go at creating cave paintings and make our own paint.



We will be designing and creating different things on Christmas Craft Day where the children will have to assemble, join and combine different materials.

Sticky Knowledge

Sticky knowledge is **effectively knowledge that will stay with us forever**. In other words, an alteration has happened to our long-term memory.

The sticky knowledge we would like the children to gain this half term is:

Science:

Key Vocabulary	
object	A thing that can be used. For example a door, chair, car, table are all objects .
material	Materials are what an object is made from.
hard	Not easily broken or bent.
soft	If something is soft , it is easy to cut, fold or change the shape of.
stretchy	Can be pulled to make it longer or wider without breaking.
shiny	Reflects light easily.
dull	Doesn't reflect light. Doesn't look bright or shiny .
rough	If something is rough , it feels and looks uneven or bumpy.

Key Vocabulary	
smooth	Smooth objects have no lumps or bumps.
bendy	Bendy things can be bent easily into a curved or folded shape.
not bendy	If something is not bendy , it can't be bent easily into a curved or folded shape.
waterproof	If something is waterproof , it keeps water out. It keeps things dry.
not waterproof	Not waterproof materials let water in.
absorbent	If something is absorbent , it soaks liquid up.
not absorbent	If something is not absorbent , it does not soak up liquid.
transparent	Transparent objects can be seen through.
opaque	Opaque objects can't be seen through.

Key Vocabulary	
materials	Materials are what objects are made from.
suitability	Suitability means having the properties which are right for a specific purpose.
properties	This is what a material is like and how it behaves (soft, stretchy, waterproof).



wood:
hard, stiff, strong, opaque, can be carved into any shape.



glass:
waterproof, transparent, hard, smooth.



plastic:
waterproof, strong, can be made to be flexible or stiff, smooth or rough.



metal:
strong, hard, easy to wash.



paper:
lightweight, flexible.



cardboard:
strong, light, stiff.



fabric:
soft, flexible, hard-wearing, can be stretchy, warm, absorbent.



rubber:
hard-wearing, elastic, flexible, strong.

Show and Tell

I hope you have all received the show and tell timetable for the half term.

Show and Tell is very popular in Class 2 and we want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the class and to develop their speaking and listening skills.



- Diwali means 'row of lighted lamps'. It is also the name of the Hindu festival that is known as the 'festival of lights.'
- Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem
- Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.
- Christopher Columbus is significant because he was a famous explorer. He sailed from Europe to America in 1492 along with his sailors across the Atlantic Ocean, not knowing where they would land. This was a voyage into the unknown.

Other Useful Information

w/c 13th November - Anti Bullying week

17/11/23 - Children in Need non-uniform day and suggested donation of £1

24/11/23 - Non-uniform day - bring chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair

30/11/23 - Children singing at the late night shopping event in Southwell

1/12/23 - Christmas Craft Day followed by the Christmas Fair 5pm - 7pm

9/12/23 - Carols for Everyone at Southwell Minster

12/12/23 - Christmas Party at school

13/12/23 - Pantomime (oh no it isn't) Oh yes it is!

17/12/23 - Children singing at the Holy Trinity Carol Service 6pm

19/12/23 - Performance of the Nativity 2pm

20/12/23 - Performance of Nativity 5:30pm

More information will follow regarding lots of the events but please ask/email if you have any questions/queries.