

## Class 2 (KS1) Newsletter Autumn 2024

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely summer break, we have been hearing about all of the things that the children did and where they went. Our first three days back have been brilliant. We are really proud of the children and how they have settled in to both Year 1 and 2.

Our topic for this half term is 'Pets and Ourselves' with a focus on the question "How do we look after all creatures great and small?"

### 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. 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.

**Guided Reading:** The children will be taking part in daily guided reading session which will run on a 2-week cycle. The children will be placed into 1 of 4 groups based on their reading levels. Each week 2 of the groups will do guided reading with a teacher or TA whilst the other 2 groups will have independent tasks/Drop Everything and Read time. The following week we will then swap the groups working with an adult.

**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 Mrs Haxton-Gregory or Miss Bradford/Miss Consterdine and Thi when it is My PPA time and Thursday will be outside with a coach and Miss Consterdine, where the children will do multi-skills. 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 us: [b.gregory@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk](mailto:b.gregory@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk) or [a.farnsworth@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk](mailto:a.farnsworth@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk)

Mrs Haxton-Gregory and Miss Farnsworth

## English

This term we will be focusing on Pets and Ourselves. We will be looking at a variety of texts linked to our new topic such as 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', 'The Torch' and 'Emily Brown and the Thing' as well as lots of non-fiction texts about the animals.

The children will be creating story maps to retell the stories in the correct sequence. We will be introducing hot seating so the children can think more deeply about the characters thoughts and feelings. We will writing character descriptions and day in the life diary entries.



## Maths

We will continue to use the White Rose Scheme at Holy Trinity this year. This year we are using their brand new mixed year 1 / 2 curriculum. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays with Mrs Haxton-Gregory the children will be cover all number aspects of the curriculum starting off with place value and addition and subtraction this half term. On Thursdays and Fridays Miss Farnsworth will cover the shape, space and measure side of the maths curriculum starting off with Time this half term.

## Phonics

In phonics Year 1's will consolidate all of the Set 2 phonemes such as ay, ee, igh, ow, oo. We will also revise Set 1 sounds including digraphs such as sh, ch, th, qu and double letters ll,ff,ss,zz in our SPaG lessons. Children will have the opportunity to apply the phonemes reading lots of real and alien words and daily writing.

Year 2's are beginning the RWI Spelling programme that will teach them the Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPaG) objectives from the national curriculum. They will learn the silent letters in kn and gn. soft 'c' and adding the suffix -y and -ly to change a word. We will explore strategies for having a go at spelling words more independently.



## Science

In science, our focus this half term is Animals including Humans. Year 1s will be observing animals, knowing the different animal groups; comparing animals and sorting them into their groups. We will learn about animal diets. As well as identify and names parts of the human body. Year 2's will add to this looking at the basic needs of animals including humans for survival; Healthy eating and diets; the importance of exercise for humans and the importance of hygiene for humans

## RE

RE will be on Thursday afternoons with Miss Farnsworth. This half term in RE, we will focus on the topic God. Children will learn that; Christians, believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible. Christians, believe God is loving, kind, fair and forgiving, and also Lord and King. Some stories show these Christian beliefs. Christians, worship God and try to live in ways that please him

## Geography

In Geography we will be learning about our Local Area -\_Where do we live? Our locality in relation to the rest of the world. We will also find out what countries make up the UK and the names of the surrounding seas. As well as the continents of the world and the seas.



### HeartSmart

We have got lots of lovely activities this half term in Heartsmart which focus around the children understand and expressing their feelings.

- ☺ Get Heart Smart
- ☺ My Heart
- ☺ Smart Tool Belt
- ☺ Becoming Boris
- ☺ Fill Boris' Toolbox
- ☺ How do they feel?
- ☺ My heart is full
- ☺ Heart Hunt



### Music

Music will be on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Haxton-Gregory. This term will be All About Me – We will be experimenting with different percussion instruments. Listening to different pieces of music such as You've got a friend, Dance, dance, dance and Happy. We will play rhythms on untuned percussion instruments and develop 'thinking voice' by internalising the pulse when listening to music. We will also perform either a pulse or a rhythm piece to our friends.

### Art and Design

We will be exploring different artistic method and mediums. We will be Look at position of facial features and what needs to be included on a portrait. Create simple line drawings and paint watercolour backgrounds in preparation for our Painting our final self-portrait. Throughout or learning we will also be looking a famous pieces of portraiture art.

### Outdoor learning

This half term outdoor learning will be on a Friday afternoon. Please look out for weekly update on dojo. These updates. Will give you information about what we will be covering in the session, and what to wear. This half term or focus on looking for signs of autumn in our local area and green spaces. we will identify flora, fauna and minibeasts, as well as listen to Birdsong. We will learn our outdoor learning rules; no picking, no licking, no squashing. We will talk about the important of leaving our environment how we find it each session, to minimise impact on our ecosystem.

Towards the end of the half term, we will require the support of additional adults for offsite visits. Please do let us know if this is something you think you can support us with

### PE

On Monday afternoons, we are continuing with Gymnastic in the church led by me (Mrs Haxton-Gregory).

Our Thursday afternoon we will be developing our multi-skills with Nathan from Ace Sports.



## Show and Tell

Your show and tell timetable should have arrived earlier this week, it can also be found on the Class Dojo Class Story.

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



## Other Useful Information

Class 1 & 2 will be taking it in turns on a Wednesday morning to visit the 'Connections' (formerly known as signpost) group at Holy Trinity Church.

Thank you for all your support. *If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to speak to me.*

**We will send out other useful dates on a separate letter and continue to send emails as and when necessary.**

Mrs Haxton-Gregory, Miss Farnsworth and the team