

## Class 2 (KS1) Newsletter Autumn 2 2024

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 term is '**Inventors and Inventions**' with a focus on the question '**How do you become famous for more than 5 minutes?**' We have already 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 is sure to be a fantastic awe and wonder filled half term.

### 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 me: [b.gregory@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk](mailto:b.gregory@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk)

#### English

In English this half term we will be working with different texts linked to our topic – We will look at two fiction texts – Rosie Revere Engineer and The Wonder as well as non-fiction texts about engineers.

We will be writing explanations about inventions, advertisements and letters of advice. We will also be working on

#### 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 practice counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Children will practice

#### 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.

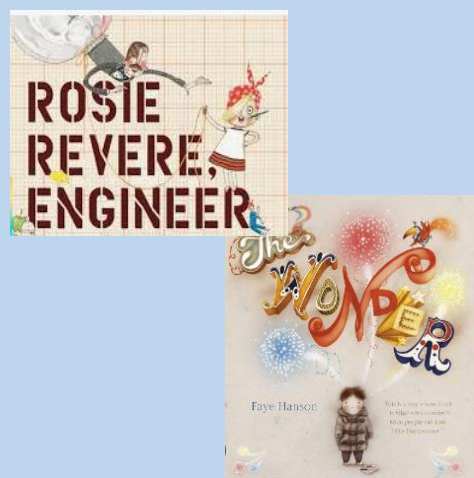
Year 2's will learn words with an 'or' sound but are spelt with al as in, ball. We will also learn words with the soft 'c' as in nice and 'n' spelt as 'kn' or 'gn'. We

character descriptions in the form of report card. Our main outcome will be to write an explanation text about our own inventions.

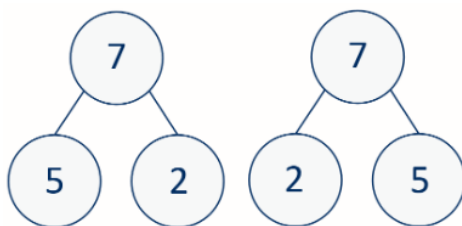
In our Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG) lessons –

Year 1 will be learning – to add the suffix -ing and -s, the prefix un-, and will continue working on capital letters, finger spaced and full stops

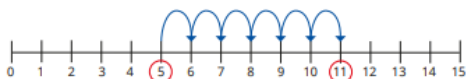
Year 2 will be learning – to add the suffix –ness onto nouns, compound words, subordination, adjectives and changing adjectives using -er and -est.



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.



► 5 + \_\_\_\_ = 11



► 19 - \_\_\_\_ = 7



will be changing words using the suffix -y and -ly. We will explore strategies for having a go at spelling words more independently.



**Set 2 Sounds**

ay may I play?	ee what can you see?	igh fly high	ow show the show	oo go on at the zoo
oo look at a book	ar start the car	or about the door	air that's not fair	ir what's not fair
	ou about it now	oy try for a boy		

**Science**

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.



**RE**

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.



**Heartsmart**

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.



## 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 team games that involve individual skills.



## History & DT

In History, we will be finding out what inventors do before finding out about Da Vinci and his parachute, The Wright brothers and testing planes and what made them both such great inventors.



In DT linked to our history and science focusses we will be creating parachute designs that move to the ground as slowly as possible by selecting materials and testing their designs.



## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about safe logins on our purple mash accounts and online safety. We will then move on looking at technology outside of school before learning about algorithms using Lego builders.



## 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' group at Holy Trinity Church..

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Sock Day

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas late night shopping

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christmas Craft, Christmas jumper day and Chocolate tombola

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas tree festival and Christmas Fair (5pm-7pm))

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime at Newark Theatre

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity in church (2pm)

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas dinner and Nativity in church (5.30pm)

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

Mrs Haxton-Gregory and the team