

Class 2 Newsletter Spring Term 2023

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have come back to school full of energy and enthusiasm! We have talked about starting the new year as we mean to go on and have all made a new year's resolution. Let's hope we stick to them!!!!

We also welcome Mr Worrall to Holy Trinity team and are all looking forward to getting to know him better.

Our topic this half term is '**China**' with the big question – **How does life in England compare with life in China?** We have lots of exciting things happening this half term including a Chinese New Year Wow Day. We have already started finding out what the children already know about China and they had a fantastic basic knowledge already!

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 now on a Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Your child will need to come in their Holy Trinity PE kits (red PE top, dark bottoms and a pull-on jumper such as their school jumper) on those days. Please make sure that your child has layers on for Thursday's PE as it will be outside.

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.

Toys: We have seen an increasing number of toys sneaking their way into school over the last term, and as Mrs Thompson mentioned in the school newsletter, we would like to remind you that the children are **not** to bring toys into school unless it is part of their show and tell or they are a pre-arranged agreement with the teacher.

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@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk or t.worrall@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk

English

This term with Mrs H-G we will focusing our English lessons around the text 'Lubna and Pebble' by Wendy Meddour and Daniel Egnéus. The children are already hooked when they all received their own special pebble. We have described and written thank you letters to our pebbles this week. As we move through the sequence of learning we will be writing speech bubbles, advice postcard and instructions before writing our own story about friendship / giving.

On Thursday with Mr Worrall will be teaching Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG).

Y1's will be covering singular nouns; past and present verbs; suffixes -ed and capital letters for proper nouns. Y2's will be covering expanded noun phrases, homophones, forming adjectives using -ful and -ness and writing questions and commands.

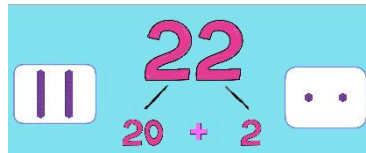
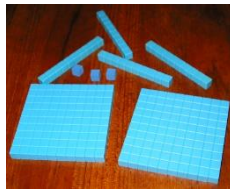
On Fridays the children will be starting reading comprehension to help them develop their ability to ask and answer a range of different questions about a piece of text they have read.



Maths

In Math's this half term we are starting off with place value within 100. We will be counting in tens to help us when grouping and partitioning numbers into their tens and ones using base ten and other manipulatives. We will learn how to use a place value chart, develop our use of number line before moving on to comparing numbers.

We will then move on to addition and subtraction within 100.



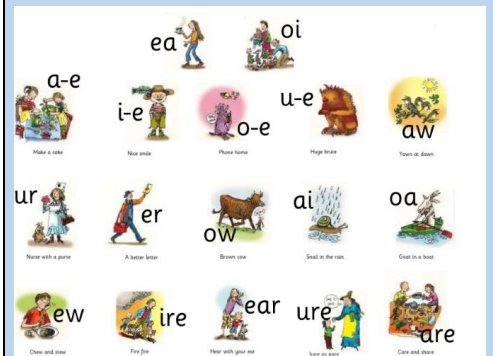
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Phonics

In phonics - Year 1's are well underway with the set 3 phonemes. We are beginning to cover the split digraphs - a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e. We will also learn the alternative phonemes from in both set 2 and 3 including: air/are, oo/ew/ue, or/aw/au, ay/ai/a-e, ow/oa/o-e and ee/ea/e-e.

Year 2's will learn the rules for adding the suffix -ing and -ed. We will also learn about the j sound that written as g, ge, dge ie gentle, giant, large, fringe, dodge, fudge and the rules for when they are used.



Art

In our sequence of art lessons this half term we will be learning how to create a repeating pattern using block printing. We are linking this to Chinese New Year by creating a block print using the Chinese Zodiac symbol for Snake.

We will first explore printing using a range on hard and soft materials before learning how to make a block print using polystyrene sheets. We will learn the techniques needed to create a clean print using rollers and printing ink as well as how to create a repeating pattern.

Geography

In geography we will be locating China on a world map and be able to describe where it is in the world (East Asia). We will learn about key landmarks and cities as well as their major rivers, the Yangtze River and the Yellow River. We will be drawing simple maps and understand what life is like for people in China. We will be comparing what life is like in China to life in the UK and also how our school lives compare. We will then learn what Chinese culture is like as part of our Chinese WOW day.

Computing

In computing we will be using 2explore on Purple Mash to create and record simple melodies and instruments. We will also explore 2sequence to create musical scores and harmonies. Once confident using these two applications we are going to use them to create music for a dragon dance.



Science

In Science children will continue to learn about materials but we will focus more on scientific enquiry this half term. We will carry out investigations and predict what we think might happen. We will then test and write the results and a conclusion.

This will include testing the absorbency of different materials.

Science will be taught as part of the KS1 outdoor learning.



RE & Heart Smart

RE this term will focus on 'Gospel' which means 'Good News'. We will listen to the story of 'Jesus calls Matthew' and look at how Jesus was a friend to the friendless. We will look at good news in forms such as forgiveness, peace, friendship and thankfulness.



In Heart Smart the theme is 'Too much selfie isn't healthy'. Children will think about ways of how they can show love to others and become more aware of their surroundings and people around us. We will look for opportunities where we can be kind to others and become secret kindness agents. As part of this unit, we will also learn about online safety and ways in which we can stay safe online (even at such a young age)



PE

On a Monday children will be doing PE in the church with Mrs H-G. We will be doing dance which will Chinese New Year and Dragon Dancing. We will also be talking about and sharing our opinions on tradition Chinese dancing.



On a Thursday Josh will be doing games including team games that involve individual skills.

Show and Tell

Your show and tell timetable has been sent out on Class Dojo, if you need a paper copy please let us know.

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.

If anyone is interested in coming into school to assist with some day to day jobs like cutting and sticking, and reading with the children please get in touch!

Thank you for all your continued 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, Mr Worrall, Mrs Bowely and Miss Consterdine

