

Class 2 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2025

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter, and the children enjoyed the break. We all had a chat about our Easter holidays on the first day back and I got to hear all about the lovely things they did and the places they visited. I can't believe we are in the final term of the year! It is always a lovely term but extremely busy but hopefully with warmer and brighter weather.

Our topic this half term is '**Safari**' with the big question –

We will be having a greater focus on fairtrade this half term as part of our global neighbours work which links in beautifully with our geography curriculum this half term. As a school we are going to make links with the Co-op to find out more about fairtrade and why it is so important.

We have also begun our Bikeability lessons as part of PE. These lessons will run throughout the summer term, this is a very exciting and new addition to what we provide at Holy Trinity.

I'm sure you all know the following by now, but a reminder is always good!

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.

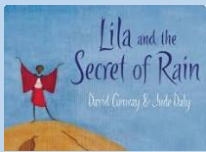
Book Bags: Whilst we try to check children's book bags, there may be times when we can't. Please encourage your child to hand any reply slips or money to a member of staff as they come into school. Please can you also check your child's book bag on a daily basis as there is often something in there for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

Toys: 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.

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 or t.worrall@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk

English

This term with Mrs H-G we will focusing our English lessons around the texts 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' - set in Kenya and 'Anna Hibiscus' Song' - set in Nigeria. We will be exploring the settings and characters as part of our English lessons. We will be predicting using the illustrations and making inferences about the characters emotions as they move through their stories. We will think and answer questions from the characters perspective to really understand their thoughts and feeling. We will also be writing letters to the characters.



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

Y1's will be covering punctuation, exclamation marks, capital letters and nouns

Y2's will be covering adverbs, conjunctions, apostrophes, past tense and present tense.

On Friday we will be continuing with our reading comprehension. This will help them to develop their ability to ask and answer a range of questions about different texts. During this half term, we will be reading books such as 'Simon Socks', 'Doughnuts for a Dragon' and 'Never show a T REX a Book' During this Summer term, we will be looking at a range of fiction books, non-fiction books and poetry to further develop our comprehension skills.

Maths

In Math's this half term we are continuing with addition and subtraction. Year 1 will learn how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and practice this through fun dances and songs. They will learn about and recognise equal groups (start of multiplication). Children will learn about arrays and then make equal groups by sharing and grouping start of division). They will then move on to fractions and recognise and find half of an object or shape. This will then progress to recognizing and finding half of a quantity.

Year 2's will learn more about division linking this to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will go into more depth with doubling and halving and odd and even numbers. They will then start learning about fractions - finding a half, quarter and a third building up to two quarters. They will also look at how to write fractions as a number and begin to add them together.

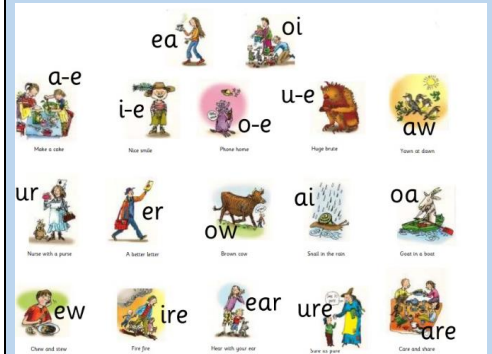
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2 times table	5 times table	10 times table
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1 x 2 = 2	1 x 5 = 5	1 x 10 = 10
2 x 2 = 4	2 x 5 = 10	2 x 10 = 20
3 x 2 = 6	3 x 5 = 15	3 x 10 = 30
4 x 2 = 8	4 x 5 = 20	4 x 10 = 40
5 x 2 = 10	5 x 5 = 25	5 x 10 = 50
6 x 2 = 12	6 x 5 = 30	6 x 10 = 60
7 x 2 = 14	7 x 5 = 35	7 x 10 = 70
8 x 2 = 16	8 x 5 = 40	8 x 10 = 80
9 x 2 = 18	9 x 5 = 45	9 x 10 = 90
10 x 2 = 20	10 x 5 = 50	10 x 10 = 100
11 x 2 = 22	11 x 5 = 55	11 x 10 = 110
12 x 2 = 24	12 x 5 = 60	12 x 10 = 120

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Phonics

In phonics Year 1's will continue to recap and embed set 3 phonemes. We will read phonics-based stories where we can apply our phonic knowledge, but the stories will also cover lots of the common exception words that we can't sound out. We will continue to write sentences to apply the phonemes and alternative phonemes such as ee/ea.



Year 2's will learn. The o sound spelt a after w and qu. They will also do lots of practicing adding the suffix -ed. We will recap on other spelling patterns that we have learnt over the year and practice the spellings of these words and the common exception words



Design and Technology

In our sequence of D&T lessons we are going to be designing and making and evaluating our own dip and dipper. We will start the sequence of learning by sampling and evaluating what current dips and dipper are on the market before designing our own. We will

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about Africa, fairtrade and the climate. We will be able to compare the climate in the UK with a cocoa growing region in west Africa. We will learn about the journey of chocolate and find out about the lives of the farmers

Music

In music we will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms, learning a traditional Ghanaian call and response song and recognise simple notation, progressing to

be using culinary skills to chop, peel, grate and mix to create our dips.



and why choosing fairtrade is so important.

We will understand that our everyday choices have global consequences and how to make good choices for the planet. We will also find out about how wind or water can affect the geography of an area as part of the effects of climate change.



creating call and response rhythms.



Science & Outdoor Learning

In Science, children will be learning about animals and their habitats. They will be describing how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. We will also be looking at simple food chains and identifying organisms as producers, consumers or decomposers.

Later in this half term, we will be completing a wildlife survey to help us understand how living things are adapted to their habitats.

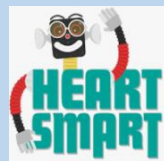


RE & Heart Smart

In RE this term, our focus will be on symbols in religious worship and practice. We will be comparing

- churches and synagogues
- Jewish and Christian weddings
- Jewish and Christian stories
- The Torah and the Bible

In Heart Smart the theme is 'Fake is a Mistake'. Children will learn that there never has and never will be another them. They will learn that not all thoughts they have about themselves are true. We will learn how different emotions feel and what they might look like in our bodies. We will also think about whys we can be polite with others, for example when a visitor comes to schoolemotion.



PE

On a Monday children will be doing Bikeability with Mrs Haxton-Gregory and Miss Consterdine.



On a Thursday Josh will be doing different ball games including team games and multi-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