

Class 2 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2025

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely half term, and the children enjoyed the break. I can't believe we are in the final half term of the year! It is an extremely busy but half term hopefully with warmer and brighter weather. There's so much to look forward to including visits, performances, and getting ready for transition.

Our topic this half term is '**Journeys**' with the big question – **What type of journeys do we go on?**

We will be continuing our Bikeability lessons as part of PE. These lessons will run throughout the summer term every Monday morning, the children have thoroughly been enjoying these sessions and we are already seeing a growth in confidence amongst our bikers!

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

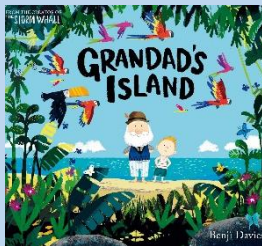
This term with Mrs H-G we will focusing our English lessons around the texts 'Astro Girl' and 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be making predictions about the story and writing in role as the characters. The children will learn how to write commands and the features of a non-fiction text before planning and writing a fact file, including a glossary. We will also be exploring newspaper articles and the purpose of each feature. We will be putting our journalistic heads on to ask and answer questions to gather information for our own newspaper articles.

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

Y1's will be covering clauses, suffixes and punctuation.

Y2's will be covering pronouns, suffixes, tenses and apostrophes.

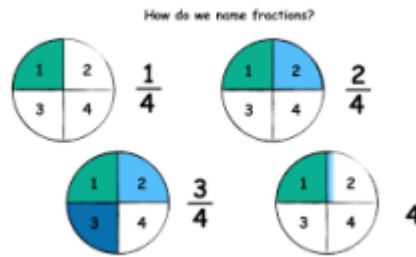
On Friday we will be continuing with our reading comprehension. This will help children develop their ability to ask and answer a range of questions about different texts. During this half term, we will be reading books such as 'The Suitcase' and 'Grandad's Island'. We will be looking at lots of poetry from a range of artists, to further develop our comprehension skills.



Maths

In maths: Year 1's will learn different fractions and recognise and find half of an object or shape. This will then progress to recognising and finding half of a quantity. We will then learn about position and direction and describe. turns. We will also extend our place value knowledge to numbers up to 100.

Year 2's We will learn 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. We will be practicing lots of mental arithmetic questions and using known strategies to work them out. We will also do some work on statistics by creating tally charts and pictograms.



Phonics

In phonics Year 1's will be doing lots of practice of reading real and alien words. We will put the real words into sentences and do sentence dictation activities once the phonics screening is complete. We will also focus on the tricky words – both reading and spellings



Year 2's will learn practice their spelling, punctuation and grammar and put everything they have learnt into practice. This will include knowing the terms: verb, adjective, adverb and noun. We will recap words with apostrophes, adding -ed, -ing, -less, -ment and -ful on to the end of words and applying spelling patterns such as le/al/el and homophones such as their, they're and there



Design and Technology

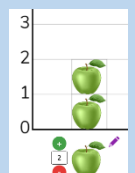
In our sequence of D&T lessons we are going to be designing and making and evaluating a felt bag. The children will learn how to thread a needle and tie a knot before learning how to complete a simple running stitch. They will put these to use to sew their bags and then will use decorating

History

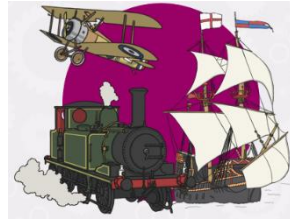
In History we will be learning about the history of travel and transport. The children will be using timelines to sequence modes of transport throughout time. We then delve deeper to find out more about specific modes of transport and how they have changed and improved of the years.

Computing

In computing, Year 1s will be using the computers to group and sort information before sorting information into pictograms.



techniques to embellish their bags. All whilst following a design criteria which they will then evaluate their bags against.



Year 2 will be learning about spreadsheets; they will understand what spreadsheet are used for and what they look like. They will be adding clip art, calculations and using 2Calculate to solve simple puzzles.

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Adding 3 coins	●	+	●	+	●	= 20p
	●	+	●	+	●	= £4.00
Adding 2 counters	●	+	●	=	11	
Adding 3 counters	●	+	●	+	●	= 30
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Science

In Science, children will continue learning about living things and their habitats. They will be looking at a range of food and comparing minibeasts! Later in this half term, we will be looking at seasonal changes and daylight hours.

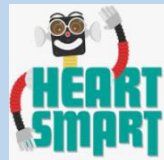
Please note that outdoor learning will take place on Tuesdays through the forest school sessions. This means that uniform is needed on Fridays during this half term.



RE & Heart Smart

In RE this term, our focus will be on different stories from the bible, such as the story of the Lost Son and the Story of Jonah. We will then give our own explanation as to what these stories mean to Christians. Finally we will create small pieces of art to represent one of the ways of understanding God.

In Heart Smart the theme is 'No way through isn't true'. We will learn how to find different solutions to problems and learn to find ways to overcome challenges and difficulties. We will learn to manage worry by thinking about good things that could happen.



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!

Key dates

11.6 - Mr Follen coming to meet the Year 2s

17.6 - Time Travelling at Southwell Minster

18.6 - Year 3 staff coming to visit the Year 2s

20.6 - Summer fair 5-7pm

30.6 - Transition day

7.7 - Whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

8.7 - Sports Afternoon 1.30pm

11.7 - Year 2 sleepover

15.7 - Year 2 playdate at LWJ

15.7 - Year 2 talent show 2pm

17.7 - Leavers disco 3.15-5.30

22.7 - Year 2 Leavers service 2pm

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