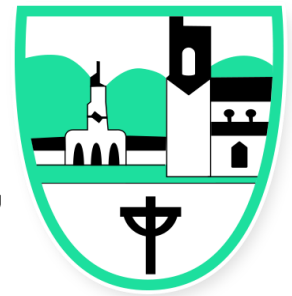


Class 2 News



Autumn Term 2017

Welcome Back!

Mrs Seddon, Mrs Boddy and Mrs Sotheran would like to welcome you and your child to Class 2. We are sure it is going to be a fantastic year!

On the next page you will find an outline of what we will be covering across the curriculum in the Autumn term.

Just a quick reminder; school opens at **8.45am** and ends at **3.15pm** and if you should need to contact school the telephone number is **01429 870254**.

If you have any problems or questions about any part of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team on a morning or after school. We want every child to feel happy and safe!

Don't forget to browse through some of the useful websites related to our topics (on the back page).

Many thanks,

Class 2 Team

Dates to remember

September

4th Return to school
28th School Photographs
29th Non- uniform day for the Autumn Fair

October

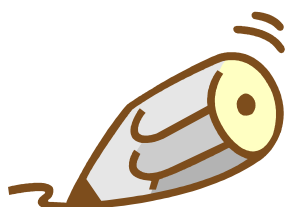
4th - Autumn Fair
5th Class 2 at Space to Learn
20th Harvest Festival in Church
20th Break Up for half term
30th Return to School

November

7th Parents Evening
22nd Class 2 Worship

December

19th KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
20th KS1 Nativity @ 6pm
21st Christingle Service in Church



PE Kit Reminder

Children **must** have a change of clothing and footwear for PE. *Our PE day will be Thursday*

Indoor PE Kit: Plain black or navy shorts and a white or blue plain t-shirt.

Outdoor PE Kit: As above but with additional Jogging bottoms, jogging top (no hood) and trainers.



Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.

Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful!

- ★ Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Dark blue skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible footwear (no trainers)

Jewellery shouldn't be worn for health and safety reasons. Please help us to enforce this.

Homework

Reading

Reading at home is extremely important! We would love to see your child's 'Home Reading Diaries' at least three times a week, signed by the person who has listened to them read. Your child will take a book home from school that is appropriate for them and also have access to the Bug Club where books and games will be added weekly.

We will also be giving your child a selection of key words based on the phonics and spellings they have been practising in school to learn to read or spell. Once they are secure with these words, we will give them new words to learn.

Maths

Year 1 – Counting forwards and backwards to 100 from any number, practise number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in ones, twos fives and tens.
Year 2 – 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and the division facts.

Homework Challenge

Homework challenges will be sent home each week. They will help to reinforce the work your child has been doing at school. Homework challenges will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in no later than the next Tuesday.



Maths

- ★ Counting to 20
- ★ Writing numbers to 20
- ★ Times Tables
- ★ One more/One less
- ★ Number bonds to 10/20
- ★ Place Value
- ★ Written methods of Addition
- ★ Written methods of Subtraction
- ★ Recognising and describing 2D shapes
- ★ Recognising and describing 3D shapes
- ★ Puzzle and Problem solving

English

- ★ Instructions
Children will develop their instructional writing, making instructions for how to make a dragon and how to catch a dragon!
- ★ Story Writing
After reading a variety of stories, the children will plan and write their own adventure story!
The writing focuses will ensure children use capital letters to start sentences, full stops to end and finger spaces between words. Children will also be using question marks, exclamation marks and commas to punctuate their work.

Science

Health and Growth

- ★ The children will identify the basic needs of animals for survival. Find out about types of food that make up their diet and name some examples of each; recognise that a balanced diet and exercise are necessary for them to grow and stay healthy. Recognise that animals produce young. The children will also begin to understand that medicines can be both beneficial and dangerous.



China –Geography

In this part of the topic, children will be looking at maps, locating China and the continents of the world. Children will be learning about the life in China and how it is similar and different to life in the UK. Children will also enjoy learning about the landscapes of China including The Great Wall of China. Children will compare their own experience of school to that of a day in the life of a Chinese child. They will also enjoy tasting the culture by visiting a local Chinese buffet.



ICT

Online Safety

- ★ Children will learn about how to stay safe online and why it is important to have passwords.

Exploring Purple Mash

- ★ Children will learn how to open, save and print documents they have created.

Effective Searching

- ★ These sessions will allow the children to develop an understanding of what the Internet is and give them the basic tools to help them search for information more effectively.

RE

- ★ What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a church?
- ★ Greatham's five core Christian values.
(Love, Hope, Trust, Forgiveness, Peace)



PSHCE

- ★ Sticks and Stones- Bouncing Back
- ★ Know something about everybody in the class and feel valued
- ★ Contribute to the class charter and understand their responsibilities.
- ★ Understand why we have different rules in school.
- ★ Class rules/School 'Golden Rules'

Maths

- ★ Number bonds to 10/20
- ★ Times Tables
- ★ Counting to 20
- ★ Doubles, halves and quarters
- ★ Measure and make comparisons about weight, length and volume
- ★ Block graphs and tables
- ★ Count/add/subtract measures and money
- ★ Time
- ★ Position and directions

English

- ★ Diary Writing
Children will create a diary entry as though they witnessed 'The Great Fire of London'
- ★ Non-Fiction
The children will be using non-fiction books to research The Great Fire of London. They will look at the features of non-fiction books, e.g. contents, index, glossary. The children will use what they have found to create a class information book.

Science

- Everyday Materials
- ★ The Children will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Also, they will investigate the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials and compare and group them together on the basis of these physical properties.



Fire - History

In this part of the topic, the children will be exploring different points in history, beginning with 'The Gun Power Plot' and moving onto 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will research these periods in British history and compare how people lived then to how we live now. The children will begin the topic by discussing their knowledge of London. The children will place the Great Fire on a class time line and sequence the main events of the fire correctly. They will discover why the fire started and how it ended. The children will discover that the fire was represented in different ways and explore what information Pepys' diary can provide today. The children will create a painting/picture of London using colour wash techniques and recognisable buildings.



ICT

Lego Builders

- ★ Children will begin to think logically about scenarios. They will be introduced to the term 'algorithm'. This concept is at the core of coding, linking logical thought processes to the way that computers are programmed.

RE

- ★ Why are gifts given at Christmas?
- ★ The Nativity and Christmas

PSHCE

- ★ Good to me!
Understanding our feelings and how our actions affect others.
How can we help each other inside and outside school?

Websites to help support your child at home...

BBC Schools

Here you will find lots of fun Literacy and Numeracy games to support your child's learning.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/>

Roy the Zebra

This website has some fantastic reading, writing and phonics games. Just click on 'Interactive Reading Games' at the top of the page.

<http://roythezebra.com/>



Woodland Junior School

On this site you will find lots of links to different interactive games and activities for the entire curriculum.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

ICT Games

This site has a range of fun Literacy and Numeracy games to play with your child.

<http://ictgames.com>

Phonics Play

A variety of fun letters and sounds games (click on 'free phonics play').

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Take a look at these to help with our topics...

Find out about dragons at...

<http://www.ologyworld.com>

<http://www.howtotrainyourdragonbooks.com>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/stgeorge2.html>

<http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/reptiles/komodo-dragon>



Find out about 'The Great Fire of London' at...

<http://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-1-fire-of-london.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/

<http://www.schoolsliaison.org.uk/kids/aston/ks1/firelondon/firestart.htm>

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk>

