



Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 2! This half term, our value is 'COMMUNITY.' In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are all part of a community, that each of us is unique but that at Nutfield Church Primary we can build one team by supporting and caring for each other. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. We are starting with 'The Journey Home,' a book which focuses on the importance of looking after the world we live in. The children will use innovation to change the story before finally inventing their own sequel. Our lessons will have a grammar focus, because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

Maths

During the Autumn term in our Maths lessons we will be focusing on the following areas:

- *Number and place value: Partitioning numbers into tens and ones.*
- *Addition: Using an empty number line to add a one-digit number to a two-digit number*
- *Subtraction: Using an empty number line to subtract a one-digit number from a two-digit number*
- *Geometry: Properties of 2D and 3D shapes*
- *Multiplication: Counting forwards in twos, fives and tens to the 10th multiple*
- *Measurement: Length / Time / Money*
- *Statistics: Data handling*
- *Division: Represent division as sharing, groups and arrays*
- *Fractions: Finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of familiar shapes or sets of objects*

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are a must this year for our outdoor learning.

Science, Computing and Design Technology

Living Things and their Habitats will be our topic in Science throughout Autumn term. We will begin by investigating the characteristics of being human, then identify the differences between living things, dead things and things that have never been alive. We will also list the characteristics that are essential for keeping us alive.

In line with our Design and Technology lessons we will be developing bird feeders as a class using junk modelling to create a sturdy structure. After half term our focus will change to habitats. We will investigate a range of habitats and micro-habitats which are both local to us and in different parts of the world.

This half term during Computing we will be learning to use technology safely and respectfully. To support our Science curriculum we will be using internet search engines to retrieve information on animals habitats and food chains.

P.E

On Friday afternoon the children will have P.E. Please ensure children arrive in the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Please remember that earrings must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be removed before school if necessary.

Teacher timetable

Mrs Blewitt will be teaching Year 2 on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Boyle will be teaching on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

R.E

In R.E lessons we will be looking at Judaism and asking: Why are they having a Jewish party? We will be identifying the key festivals for Jewish people. We will look at how they are celebrated and explore how they are similar to other festivals both in Judaism and in other faiths. After half term we will learn about the Ten Commandments and then consider the Christian question: Where is the Light of Christmas?

We will of course also be planning, preparing and practising for our Christmas Nativity!

Arts

During the term the children will be looking at the work of Clarice Cliff and create their own interpretations of her work. After half term we will be linking art to our History topic: The Gunpowder Plot. The Children will be using clay to create their own miniature models of 'Big Ben'.

During our Music lessons the children will begin to listen & appraise. They will also be looking at the different styles, finding the pulse, recognising instruments and discussing other dimensions of music.

This term during French the children will cover basic greeting, names of colours and numbers.

Wellbeing

Philosophy will be a key focus this year and sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions. Each day in Year 2, our day will start with a question for the children to discuss and answer. During our PSHE sessions we will be asking 'What makes a happy friendship?' and some of our learning will link to our value of Community. An important part of our Wellbeing learning in Year 2 is to look after Trinity Gardens. This term we will be harvesting, weeding and planting. Please can children have wellies in school and they may also bring in their own gardening gloves too if they wish.

Key Dates

21.9.24 - PTFA Quiz night
25.9.24 - PTFA AGM
17.10.24 - Harvest Service at Christ Church - 9.30am
21.10.24 - Whole school Nasal Flu Vaccination.
25.10.24 - Inset Day
14.11.24 - Year 2 SATs Meeting - Hall - 3.30pm - 4.15pm
18.11.23 - School Photos
25.11.24 - **27.11.24** - Parent and Carer Evenings
29.11.24 - St Andrew's Day - Blue shirt for St Andrew's team
3.12.24 - Nativity Dress Rehearsal
4.12.24 and **5.12.24** - Nativity Performance - 2pm to 3pm
18.12.23 - Christmas lunch

Geography

After half term the children will be covering the topic 'Is it really round?' This will involve children looking at the world to locate countries, continents and oceans. We will begin by producing a collaborative piece of art as visual stimuli for our learning.

History

After half term the children will be looking at The Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes, which links well with Bonfire Night. The children will learn about the men behind the plot and the consequences of their actions.

Homework

Spellings will be set on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. In addition to this, children should be reading aloud to an adult regularly at home. For Maths, we ask that the children complete Times Table Rock Stars each week to embed the childrens knowledge of times tables.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please send a note in with your child in the morning. If you would like to speak with me more privately, please email the school to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term. - Mrs Blewitt, Mrs Boyle and Miss Murray - Year 2 Team.