



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

English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We are starting with 'The Journey Home,' a book which focuses on the importance of looking after the world we live in and protecting endangered species. Our lessons will have a grammar focus because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

Reading

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. Children will be heard read with an adult at least twice week with 1:1 sessions and also within a group during guided reading sessions. Children's books will be changed once a week on an allocated day. Children will be given two books a week and we will keep a log of the books they have read. We also encourage children to choose and read their own books from home alongside the decodable books.

Science, Computing and Design and 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 animal habitats and food chains.

Maths

During the Autumn term in our Maths lessons we will 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 to 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.

R.E

In R.E lessons we will be looking at why Christians make and keep promises to God. We will start the term by looking at promises the children have made and if they were hard to keep or not and why. We will then learn how promises are a sign of commitment before looking at the different types of promises in Christianity such as Christian weddings and Baptisms. We will also teach the children the significance of John Baptist and the role he played in Jesus' Baptism. In Autumn 2 the main focus will be on planning, preparing and practising for our Christmas Nativity!

Teacher timetable

Mrs Brooks will be teaching Year 2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Alongside English and Maths, she will be teaching R.E, Geography / History and Expressive Arts in the afternoons. Mrs Summers will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday. Alongside English and Maths, she will be teaching Science, Computing and Design and Technology and P.E in the afternoons.

P.E

On Thursday 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.

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 also advised for our outdoor learning.

Expressive Arts

During the term the children will be looking at the work of Ted Harrison and create their own interpretations of his work.

During our Music lessons the children will begin to listen and appraise. They will also be looking at the different styles, finding the pulse, recognising instruments and discussing other dimensions of music. We will also be learning to sing songs for our Christmas Nativity.

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

Trips

We have the following trips planned this year
British Wildlife Centre: Thursday 8th October.
The Christmas Journey (Sparkfish): Thursday 26th November.
Peter Pan at the Polka Theatre: Thursday 21st January
Woking Mosque: Date TBC

Wellbeing

Over the year we will be following the Jigsaw PSHE scheme. There are six sequential units we will be following starting with 'Being Me in My World.' All of the learning and discussion will be answering the question 'Who am I and how do I fit in?'

We will have mindfulness exercises alongside movement and brain breaks fitted in through the school day. The classroom has a designated calm corner and emotions check in point, which the children can access at any point it is required. The outside area has also been equipped with activities such as trampoline, balls and skipping ropes to enable movement breaks, if needed.

Geography

This half term the children will be covering the topic 'Is it really round?' This will involve the children looking at the world to locate countries, continents and oceans. The children will also be creating 3D globes as part of their learning.

History

After half term we will be looking at The Gun Powder 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 a 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 Rockstars each week to embed their knowledge of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 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 either of us more privately, please contact the office for an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term. We are both very much looking forward to working with your wonderful children!

Mrs Brooks and Mrs Summers
Year 2 class teachers