Year 2 Autumn term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

READING



We use Read Write Inc. to help children develop strong phonics skills and become confident, fluent readers. Alongside this, we use VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Sequencing/Summarising) to guide comprehension, encouraging pupils to think more deeply about the texts they read. We also enjoy Whole Class Reading, which provides rich opportunities for discussion, helping children explore language, characters and themes in greater depth.

DATES AND INFORMATION:

PACT doughnut sale: 12th Nov
Parents evening: 17th/18th Nov
Book Fayre: 16th – 20th Nov
PACT Wreath Making: 1st Dec
PACT Elfridges: 3rd Dec
Rock Steady Concert: 9th Dec
Christmas Jumper day: 10th Dec
Christmas Dinner: 10th Dec
MUFTI- PACT bring a bottle: 11th Dec
KS1 Nativity: 14th/ 16th Dec
Christmas party afternoon: 18th Dec
Carols on the playground: 18th Dec
PACT bottle sale: 18th Dec
PE Days: Monday & Tuesday
Book change: Wednesday

WRITING



This term, children will explore a variety of texts, including narratives and instructional writing. Through Little Red Reading Hood and My Christmas Star, they will develop their understanding of story structure, character, and setting. They will also explore the key features of poetry, such as rhyme, rhythm, descriptive language and repetition, before writing their own poem inspired by nature and the world around them.

MATHS

Addition and subtraction

This unit builds on Unit 2, helping children apply their understanding to larger numbers. They'll add and subtract two-digit numbers using visual methods, apply number facts in mental calculations, and use inverse operations for checking. Bar models support solving word problems by identifying the correct operation independently.

Properties of Shape

This unit introduces geometry in Year 2, building on Year 1 knowledge of recognising and naming shapes. Children will describe, sort and categorise 2D and 3D shapes using correct mathematical language, focusing on sides, vertices, edges, and faces. They will also apply counting and number comparison skills throughout.

SCIENCE

Animals including Humans – life cycles

In this unit, the children will explore the stages of the human life cycle, describing each phase from childhood to old age. They will also learn about how animals have offspring and how these can be matched to their parents. Building on this, children will study the life cycles of various animals, including chickens, butterflies, and frogs.



HISTORY



The Victorians
In History, children will learn about the Victorian era, discovering who Queen Victoria was and how Britain changed during her reign. They will explore what life was like for Victorian children, including differences between schools then and now, and investigate what a Victorian seaside holiday would have been like compared to holidays today.

WAYS TO HELP AT HOME:

Read as much as possible - asking children questions about the text they have read.

Practise number skills – recognising numbers, simple addition and subtractions.

Discuss feelings and The Zones of Regulation to encourage your child to help build their emotional awareness.

TT Rockstars

Spelling Shed

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Pouches
In Design and Technology, children will explore the work of designer Cath Kidston, looking closely at her distinctive patterns, colours and designs. They will develop their sewing skills and learn how to join fabric using a range of techniques before designing, making and evaluating their own fabric pouch.

PSHE

Valuing Difference
In PSHE, we will be learning about the importance of being kind and helping others. We will explore how to support someone who feels left out and think about why people might leave others out. We will also learn about good listening skills - what makes a good listener, how listening helps us and others and how it can improve arguments. We'll also understand why hearing different points of view is important.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christianity: In RE, children will explore the question 'Is Christmas only special to Christians?' They will learn why Christmas is important to Christians and discover how people from different backgrounds may celebrate or enjoy Christmas in different ways.



TEXTS COVERED THIS TERM:

Little Red Reading Hood	The Squirrels who Squabbled
My Christmas Star	One Snowy Night
A must have Mum	

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on **Fridays** and given in the following **Wednesday** This will rotate between Maths, SPAG and Spelling and will always be based around the weeks learning.
Please also read with your child at least 3 times per week.