

CLASS 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Maths

Maths lessons will be based on teaching the knowledge, skills and understanding outlined in the National Curriculum.

During Mathematics this term we will be working on a variety of skills such as rounding numbers, the four operations (+, -, x, ÷), word problems involving time, measures and money, fractions of shapes and numbers, properties of 3D shapes, symmetry, temperature, bar charts, collecting data, Carroll diagrams, converting measures, reflecting shapes and angles. Lots of times tables practice and weekly mental maths tests.

English

Narrative: CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

In this unit, the children will be thinking about the characters involved and writing descriptions. They will develop skills using speech, write more complex sentences and infer information from the text (giving reasons for their thoughts).

Non-Fiction: The children will learn to read and follow instructions linked to making a new chocolate bar. They will look at language features and use these to write their own recipes.

They will also learn how to write a report about the opening of a new sweet shop in the village, thinking about ideas for and against it.

Times Tables

It is important that the children can recite their times tables. I am sure many of you can still remember yours from school.

Could you please practise with your child when in the car or out for a walk? They all know which times table is their target.

Year 2 | 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3 | 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables

Year 4 | 1-12 times tables

Religious Education

Journeys – The Christian life is about journeying with Christ and sharing his way of life. This topic celebrates the key events of Jesus' life. We will be visiting Durham Cathedral as part of this topic.

Listening and Sharing – about the Eucharist and how Jesus gives himself to us in a special way. This is particularly important as some of our children will begin preparations for their First Holy Communion.

Giving all – our Lenten topic where we think about giving in different ways and remembering the total giving of Jesus.

Science Taught by Mrs Reid

As scientists, we will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants; we will investigate what plants need to grow and learn about the plant's life cycle.

History

As historians we will be finding out why the Ancient Romans marched through Durham. We will be using our research skills and looking at artefacts to find out about the impact of the Roman Empire in Britain and we will present our findings to the class. This will be taught by Mrs Reid.

Geography

As Geographers we will be learning about volcanoes. We will find out how they are formed, what they look like and where they are. We will also be learning about what happened to Pompeii in 79AD. This will be taught by Mrs Reid.

PE

Basketball – the children will be learning to adapt an invasion game, learning different ways to pass a ball.
Dance – based on machines used in a factory – moving in different ways and at different levels.

MFL

Years 3 and 4 will continue to receive Spanish lessons from Miss Duggan from St. Bede's. They will be learning about birthdays and family members.

Computing

In computing, the children will be learning to use the Internet safely, thinking about what is reliable information and how to keep ourselves safe. They will also be learning how to write a programme to make something move on screen and using pro bots. They will use word processing packages to record their own information to present to others.

Music

Weekly ukulele lessons with Jamie.
Brass lessons for some children

DT & Art Taught by Mrs Reid

As artists we will be going back in time to find out about how crafts people made beautiful pottery in Roman times. We will explore working with clay and make our own Roman pots. We will be using our design and technology skills to construct pop up presentations on volcanoes. We will showcase everything we have learned about tectonic plates, the layers of the Earth and volcanic eruptions!

Names in clothing

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING HAS THEIR NAMES IN, especially at this time of year.

We are unique, talented and loved by God

We have an achievement wall in class, where the children can bring in certificates, trophies, awards or anything they have done well. We then display their talents for all to see.