

Class 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Hello and a warm welcome back to a new school year!

I hope you will all be very happy in Class 2, and parents/carers, I look forward to seeing you at the school gate mornings and afternoons and the classroom is always welcome to you too. I am so excited to be the new Class 2 teacher this year and getting to know you and your children.

The next week will be focused on establishing routines, getting to know each other and learning the new daily timetable as well as getting stuck into our exciting new learning!

Class Information

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is on a Tuesday afternoon. The first half term will be Year 3s and the second half term will be Year 4s. Please can children bring their forest school clothes, wellies and waterproofs into school to get changed into. Wellies can be kept in school. Year 4s will be doing Computing in the classroom with Mrs Fenton whilst Year 4s are out at forest school.

PE

PE trainers need to be in school every day (if the children don't already wear black ones as their school shoes) as the children have 30 minutes of PE each day and just change their shoes for this. 'Work out Wednesday' is every Wednesday and the children wear their PE kits to school. Please ensure the children have suitable trainers that fit them correctly and ones that they can do up independently.

In addition to this, we will also be participating in several HIIT sessions throughout the day. These will take place during transitions of lessons and at times when the children need to do a quick five-minute burst of exercise. Research suggests that exercise that raises the heartrate quickly releases endorphins which help children focus much better. Exercises might include using the running track, dancing, star jumps, cross-lateral movements etc. We also participate in calming activities during these times if needed. Classical music and slow movements also have huge benefits to calming and regulation ourselves and our emotions.

Reading

As a school one of our most important jobs is to foster a love of books and reading in the children and we will be doing this in a variety of ways in Class 2.

Every term we will have a 'Favourite Five' books, which we will be our class reading books throughout this term. This term our favourite five are:

Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho and Daniel Gray-Barnett (Poetry)

Who's Afraid of the Light by Anna McGregor (Mixture of Narrative and Non-Fiction Picture Book)

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (Fiction Chapter Book)

Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke (Non-Fiction Picture Book)

The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd (Fiction Chapter Book)

We will also be having a book club session every Monday at the end of the school day. This gives the children a chance to explore the wide range of texts available in the classroom as well as share some of the books they have enjoyed with their classmates.

Homework:

Homework will be sent out every Friday, starting from the second week of term. This will be spelling homework for your child to complete during the week and we will be doing a short spelling quiz the following Friday morning! The words your child will be practising are from the Year 3 and 4 common exception word list. I will also include some fun ideas your child can use to help them remember and practice these words, such as rainbow writing and pyramid spelling!

Your child will also have a log in for Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots. You will find their usernames and passwords on the inside cover of their homework books. It would be really beneficial for your child to spend some time over the week on these apps to practice their Maths fluency and recall of number facts/times tables.

Alongside this, please encourage your child to read the book they have selected from the reading corner or a book they have chosen from home, daily. We have a fantastic selection of books for your child to choose from in our reading corner, including books from the Schools Library Service.

Snack time and Lunch time

The children are still provided with a fruit snack in the morning but it would be beneficial for your child to bring in a healthy snack from home too as lunchtime isn't until 1pm (oat bar, rice cakes, crackers etc). No sugary snacks (chocolate bars, crisps etc) for snack time please.

This year, children will be eating their snack during story time, 5 minutes before then going outside for playtime. They will not be taking their snack outside with them. Fruit is available for the children first thing when arriving at school (when there is enough for all) as well as at break time at 10.45am.

Curriculum Topics this Autumn Term

Literacy

To start off this term, we will be looking at Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We will be learning the story through sequencing and the features of the postcards used to tell the story in the book. As we go through the learning sequence, we will recap our knowledge of how to write a sentence (capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation), the use of appropriate conjunctions to form complex sentences and how we can use ambitious vocabulary to write expanded noun phrases, to add more detail to our writing. At the end of the sequence, we will be innovating the story of Meerkat Mail, to write our own postcards!

As well as this, there will be daily decision spelling lessons. This will help us gain an understanding of spelling patterns and will help us reason and choose the correct spelling when spelling unknown words.

There will also be daily handwriting lessons this term, ensuring that we are forming our letters correctly, with the goal of us all confidently using joined handwriting by the end of the year.

Maths

In Maths, both Year 3 and 4 are focusing on place value. Year 3 will be learning how to count in 100's, how to represent and partition numbers to 1,000 and how to find 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a number. Year 4 will be learning how to count in 1,000's, how to represent and partition numbers to 10,000, and how to find 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a number.

Later on in the term, both year groups will then focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We also will begin to practice our times tables too to ensure we are confidently and fluently recalling them, verbally and written.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on electricity. We will be learning how to make a simple series circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will be experimenting to find out what material makes a good conductor and insulator, as well as creating our own switch to add into a circuit.

History

This half term, we will be learning about the Vikings! We will be looking at their invasion of Britain and where they settled, as well as different aspects of how they lived, including their religion, daily lives and their systems of law and justice.

Geography

Next half term, we will be learning about rainforests. We will be finding out where rainforests are located around the world, the four layers of the rainforest, describing what the weather is like in a tropical climate and what deforestation is.

RE

In RE this term we will be learning about Hinduism. At the end of the topic, we will be able to answer what Hindus believe god is like and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. We will be learning about their rituals, the Gods they believe in and Diwali.

Computing

The Computing topic this term is Collaborative Learning which will be taught by Mrs Fenton. We will focus on the meaning of this when working online, using Google Docs, presentation slides and Google Forms.

Art

Our theme for Art this term is Autumn. We will be exploring a variety of printing techniques, such as block printing, string roller printing and relief printing, as well as creating patterns, such as tessellations. We will experiment to find our favourite techniques to create our final pieces!

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be using the knowledge gained in our Science lessons to design and create battery operated lights.

Music

Music this term is based on the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. We will be learning new techniques to improve our singing and musical listening to perform the song together.

French

In French this term, our topic is 'All about me'. We will be learning how to say the alphabet in French, how to spell our names, who is in our family, what pets we have and the rooms in our houses.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning all about citizenship and what it means to be a citizen including our rights and responsibilities.

If there are any questions, queries or comments please do feel free to pop in, dojo me or catch me at the school gate. Class 2's door is always open to you and I am always here to support your child and their needs.

Here's to a happy and productive year in Class 2!

Miss Trythall and the Class 2 Team 😊