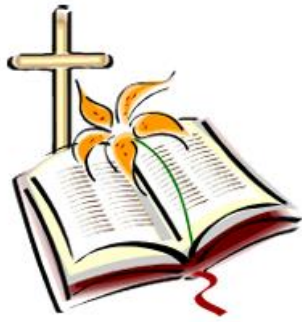




Autumn Term Y2



'Encouraging each other, overflowing with hope.'

Welcome to Y2! We have enjoyed seeing the children settle into the new school year, which will be full of opportunities for them to grow and learn. We have already begun practising for our Harvest Festival and the children have shown real enthusiasm singing the songs. We look forward to many of you being able to join us at the church for our celebration where you will hear and see your amazing children for yourselves.



Science, Geography & RE

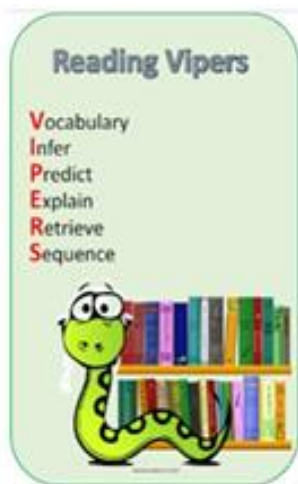
The time of year is perfect for studying what plants need for healthy growth, as we watch the trees change, and see fields having been harvested or freshly ploughed. Geography lessons will be full of developing their understanding of how our landscapes change with the seasons. This links perfectly with RE, as we think about how important being thankful is, whatever our faith might be.

PE Kit must be in school on Monday and Thursday. Jewellery must not be worn, this includes earrings and long hair must be tied back.

All your child's kit must be labelled with their full name. This makes it easier for staff to find any misplaced clothing.

Physical Education - This term, your child will take part in weekly lessons which focus on team building and fitness. Encouraging physical activity with your children benefits them in many ways, developing not only physical stamina, strength and agility, but in helping them maintain a positive and healthy attitude. Whatever their natural ability, all children will be celebrated as they work on new skills and take on fresh challenges.

Reading Books



These need to be in school daily. In Y2, we suggest that children keep their books for longer and really get to know them well, as well as revisit books they have read before. This helps develop your child's fluency and comprehension skills. Books are matched to your child's current phonological knowledge. This term, we are focusing on fiction. Below is a link to a website that gives tips for how to support your child at home with their reading:

[Oxford Owl for Home: help your child learn at home - Oxford Owl](#)

Try to encourage your child to read a range of genres, as this will help develop their familiarity with different text types and broaden their knowledge base about the world around them.

Children will also take home a 'reading for pleasure' book to share with you. These will be returned and changed each week.

Common Exception Words- Children will continue to learn their common exception words throughout the year. These are words that cannot always be sounded out phonetically and need to be learnt. This will support their fluency when reading. These will be placed inside your child's reading book and covers words expected to be learned by Y1 and Y2 children.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words							
Year 1				Year 2			
the	they	one		door	gold	plant	clothes
a	be	once		floor	hold	path	busy
do	he	ask		poor	told	bath	people
to	me	friend		because	every	hour	water
today	she	school		find	great	move	again
of	we	put		kind	break	prove	half
said	no	push		mind	steak	improve	money
says	go	pull		behind	pretty	sure	Mr
are	so	full		child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
were	by	house		children	after	eye	parents
is	my	our		wild	fast	could	Christmas
his	here			climb	last	should	everybody
has	there			most	past	would	even
I	where			only	father	who	
you	love			both	class	whole	
your	come			old	grass	any	
	some			cold	pass	many	



Spellings - will be set on a Friday and tested on a Friday. I advise they use a Look, Cover, Check as set out (attempting the joined-up handwriting) approach mixed in with chanting. This makes it more exciting. Spelling are linked to the phonemes your child has been learning during daily phonics lessons for that week. Please encourage your child to apply their knowledge of phonics to their writing.



Story Time - Each day, children will have story time, where we will be reading stories to your children. Sometimes this will be a picture book, a class novel or an information text. This will give your child exposure to more complex texts, as well as continuing to develop their enjoyment of reading itself.

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

Art - How does colour change a painting? We will be looking at paintings by artists like Vermeer and Seurat to see how they used colour. This will lead to exploring how to create different shades.

English skills - This term, we will be focusing on developing our fictional writing skills, retelling stories in our own words. This will also mean working on our use of descriptive vocabulary and how we connect more than one idea within a sentence.

Science - what makes a healthy plant? We are going to explore what makes a plant healthy, as well as looking at different types of flowering plants that reproduce.

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Computing - How do we stay safe online?

Our lessons will explore what we need to be aware of when we are using any form of technology and what rules we need to know to make sure we are safe.

Mathematics - We begin the school year with place value, as well as recognising how to partition numbers in different ways. Then, we will move on to written methods for column addition and subtraction.

Geography - How do landscapes change?

We will look at different local landscapes and how they change over the seasons. We will also learn to identify the difference between human and physical features.

RE - Do you only have to be thankful if you believe in God? We will look at the importance of being thankful, and why some people especially celebrate the harvest. Our Harvest Service at St Thomas' church will be an important part of our learning.

Music - Who is more important: the singers or the audience?

We will be rehearsing the songs that we will be singing at our Harvest Festival.

PE - Teambuilding & Fitness

Our lessons will develop our ability of how to work as a team. We will also look at how exercise affects our bodies, such as raising our heart rate.

PSHE - Are surprises and secrets the same?

We will be thinking about what makes a good friend and how to recognise bullying. This will connect with our computing lessons to include online situations.

E-Safety - Safety is important to us and your children, so they will learning how to keep themselves safe throughout the curriculum. While the Internet is a wonderful resource, children need to know how to use it safely. This can be done at home too, as you teach them how to search for information and use different apps. The following website will provide more information on how this can be done:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Homework- Homework is crucial and we expect it to be completed and handed in on time. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence. Homework will be set every Friday and collected every Wednesday. This is in addition to weekly spellings.

We are so excited to continue to support and inspire your child, we have planned for a range of topics to captivate all children over the year, please continue to support us. Please do speak to us if you have ideas, questions or concerns over your child.

It would be lovely to see any certificates or awards your child receives, or any exciting books your child has read so please do bring them in.

Remember to inform of us of any change in circumstances and please ensure the office have up to date contact details. We look forward to continuing to work with you and value your support and feedback.

The Year Two Team.

