



## Class 2 - Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic week off! I have loved hearing about what everyone has been up to in class. Everyone has returned focused which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us as we lead up to Christmas.

Our classroom theme continues to be 'Enchanted Woodland' with a focus on how to protect our local woodland and forests.

### English

Phonics continues to be taught every day following Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme and as the children begin to learn new sounds they are encouraged to use them to support their independent writing and reading across the curriculum.

I have lots of exciting texts to share with the children that link to our theme that will provide inspiration for writing opportunities (please see images below). Children will develop their vocabulary and have the opportunity to write instructions, retell a story and write a non-chronological report for one of the inspirational people who we will be learning about. Children will be focusing on their handwriting and will have a handwriting book that they will access every day to practice their letter formation. As a school we use Letter Join to support the teaching of handwriting. All children will receive a login to Letter Join which will demonstrate how children should be forming their letters. There are a number of games and tools to support handwriting available on the website that can be accessed at home.

### Maths

In maths we will be working on addition and subtraction. Children will develop their number bonds use the part whole model to support their understanding of calculations. Please support your child with learning their number bonds at home as knowing them fluently up to ten is one of the foundations to more complex arithmetic. I will send home a list of online games that the children enjoy accessing which can support with the quick recall of these.

### Science

In science the children will learn about types of animals, they will identify and name a variety of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. They will think about the different needs for these animals and become familiar with the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

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### Computing

Children will continue to use Purple Mash to support their progress in computing. They will use 2Go programmer to create simple algorithms to direct a character.

### PE

Our PE day is on a Monday and we will be focusing on dance - How Does it Feel? The children will listen to a selection of music and think about how it can affect mood and the way we move, they will then develop a routine. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. **Having items of school clothing named** will be beneficial to all, as important learning time can be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child. This will hopefully avoid your child coming home without the correct clothing. I will continue to keep an area in the cloakroom for any lost property found in Class 2 so please ask if your child is missing anything.

### DT

Our DT focus is puppets, during this topic the children will learn how different puppets are made and have the opportunity to make puppets - please could you collect any corner yoghurt pots as we will be using these this term. Could each child also bring in a sock in preparation to make a sock puppet. The children will also explore, cut, sew, design, make and evaluate their own puppet using textiles - I welcome any parents who have sewing experience to join us in class to support with this DT project - please let me know if you would be willing to support.

### History

In history we will be exploring how transport has changed over time, with a focus on local history and discovering who Timothy Hackworth was. I am really looking forward to taking Class 2 to Locomotion Shildon on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November to see steam locomotives designed and built by Timothy Hackworth.

### Homework

**I cannot express how important reading is - it affects everything we do.** The more your child practices the better they become - as the terms go on it becomes apparent those who practice reading at home on a regular basis. Your child will be given two home reading books which will be changed every Wednesday after they have read - **please ensure this is in school on time.** During the week, your child will read twice to an adult 1:1 and then within a small group. Children will also have the opportunity to visit the library and choose a book to bring home to share - this will not necessarily be a book that they can read independently and is intended to be enjoyed together.

Homework will be assigned on a Friday, which will include spellings, reading and maths. This follows what we have been learning in class.

I will send home the login details for PurpleMash which we use in school to support the teaching of computing. I am happy for the children to access this as an extra if they wish

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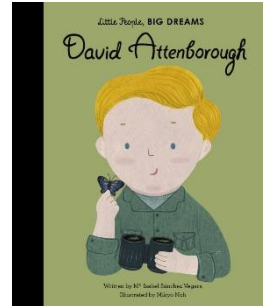
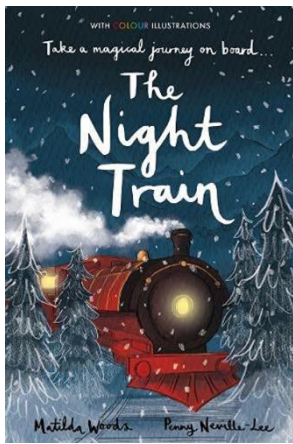
to explore the different games and tools available. I will also send home Letter Join, which can be accessed at you own leisure. There is no requirement for these as the children use them during school.

I am really excited about the term ahead and the lead up to Christmas. Your child will be bringing home information about their role in the Christmas production very soon.

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradwell



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test PE kit		Reading book due in school		Maths homework and reading book sent home