



Class 2 – Summer 2

Dear parents,

Welcome back after the half term break, this half term will be very busy as we lead up to the summer holidays with lots of exciting opportunities for Class 2!

Here are some of the things Class 2 will be learning over this half term:

Our classroom topic continues to be about looking after our world with a focus on endangered animals and how we can help care for our local environment. Our learning will also make lots of links to the coast.

English

Phonics will continue to be taught every day following Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children continue to be taught in two groups for phonics and spelling.

I am very impressed with how hard all of the children have been working during our phonics lessons and it is showing in the children's reading and writing and in their termly assessments. The annual phonics screen will take place later this week and results will be sent home in children's end of year reports.

I have carefully chosen 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 spelling, grammar and punctuation and have the opportunity to write descriptions, an adventure story, poetry, a postcard and a recount of our trip to the beach.

Maths

In maths we will be solving a range of problems relating to time and measurements. I have been very impressed with how quickly the children are learning to tell the time! We will also focus on 3D shapes and statistics which will involve lots of practical and outdoor learning opportunities. Children will work on consolidating their number bonds and times tables ready for next academic year.

Please continue to support your Year One child in counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10s.

Year Two children should be growing more confident in reciting the 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables.

I strongly encourage the use of NumBots and Times Table Rockstars at home as it is a fantastic resource that the school has invested in and it really is beneficial to fluency in maths.

Science

In science we will identify and name materials and describe simple properties of materials. This will also give children an opportunity to think about which materials are recyclable and how materials are made.

PE

Our PE days are a Monday and a Friday. On a Monday we will be focusing on athletics - Honeypot. The children will be running in different directions to pick up objects as quickly as they can. On a Friday we will be developing our orienteering skills. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear as PE might be outdoors depending on the weather. 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 sometimes 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.

Art

Class 2 will begin by learning about Andy Goldsworthy as an artist and explore the colours, materials and shapes he uses in his art work. We will examine several of his sculptures and use them as inspiration for own creations and use the natural resources we can find in our school grounds and when visiting the beach.

We will also explore the work of Andy Warhol and look at his Endangered Species screen print. Children will then use this as inspiration to create their own print.

History

In history we will investigate what seaside holidays are like today before exploring Victorian seaside holidays, including why they became popular, and how they have changed. We will then compare seaside holidays now to seaside holidays in the past, discussing the similarities and differences between them.

DT

In DT we will explore different ways of making windmill bases and sails with junk materials, learning how to join materials together and make axles allowing sails to spin in the wind. This will link to our environment topic and we will think about where the wind farms are in the North East and what their purpose is.

Homework

I am so pleased with the positive attitudes to reading the children are showing this year - they are really enjoying exploring all of the new texts we have available in our classroom and are enjoying choosing a book to share from the library. Your child will continue to read 3x throughout the week and have a home reading book which will be changed every Wednesday after they have read - **please ensure this is in school on time.** Homework and reading books will then be sent back out on a Friday.

Children also have access to PurpleMash, Letter-join, NumBots and TT Rockstars all of which are available to access at home and I encourage the use of these to support what we are learning in school.

I would encourage you to listen to your child read at least twice a week as the more they read the more fluent they will become.

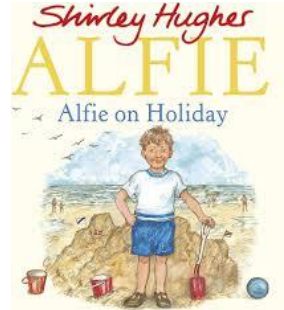
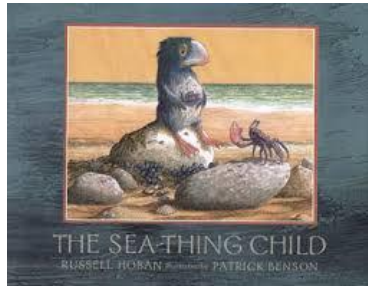
Miss Forth will continue to teach RE, Music and Spanish on a Wednesday afternoon.

I am really excited about the term ahead and know the children will have a fantastic term!

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradwell



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE kit (outdoor)	Library day	Reading book and homework due in school		Spelling test – Year 2 PE kit (outdoor) Homework and reading bags sent home

Andy Goldsworthy



Andy Warhol

