



Class 2 Curriculum letter: Mrs Ley

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2022

Welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope you had a great Christmas.

I am very excited to see the children and start our new year together. I hope they will all continue to be happy and enjoy their learning. We are very lucky to have the continued help of Miss Fletcher and Miss Lavin-Ford. Mr Scott will carry on teaching the children on Fridays. He is really enjoying his time with Class 2.

The children will continue to do PE with Mr Luxa on Fridays and can come to school in their PE kits. On Tuesdays they will be doing PE with me. The first half term is dance and we have been doing some Chinese dancing to link with our topic on China.

If you have any worries, concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at any time through Mrs McCracken in the office. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!
Mrs Ley

Topic Learning

Each term we will have a different topic and this half term's topic question is...

How does Mai Ling's journey to school differ from ours?

We will be learning all about China. We will be looking at where China is in the world and comparing it to the UK. We will be learning about Chinese culture and looking at how the Chinese celebrate New Year. We will be holding a Chinese New Year celebration before half term and hope that many of you will be able to come along.

English

Our first text is the Dragon Machine, a story about a lonely boy who sees naughty dragons getting up to mischief all around him, so he has to find a way of getting them back to their home, but are they real or does he imagine them? After that we are looking at an information text about Chinese New Year and will be writing our own fact files.,

Reading will continue to be taught through daily spelling sessions and guided reading sessions. This will be to develop the children's love of reading, range of decoding and comprehension skills. Children will be able to take home new reading books when they have been heard by a teacher or parent, and have shown they have understood the book. It is advised that your child reads the book at least three times; once for decoding the new and learnt sounds, once for understanding (whereby the adult can read but the child discusses the pictures, characters and events) and once as a confident reader. During Year 2 we aim to move most children onto the Accelerated Reader Scheme. This is a scheme that focusses on comprehension and gives the children a quiz at the end of each book to check their understanding. They do these quizzes independently. We can login at any time and see how they are doing. Please note this is not necessarily moving them up, it is a sideways move to make sure they are understanding what they are reading, because no matter how fluent a child is, it is their comprehension that will improve their writing and develop further subject knowledge. We have also introduced Book of the Week, in which children can bring a book from home that they love, and share it with the rest of the class. This will also be shared in the Friday celebration assembly.

Mathematics

We will begin Maths this term by looking at multiplication and division.

Throughout the year we will continue to work on 2x, 5x and 10x tables, and will be introducing 3x tables. Any opportunities you get to practise these with your child would be great. The children all have Times Tables Rockstars logins which they can access from home to help with this.

Science

In Science we are learning about habitats, and looking at what animals need to survive. We hope to build some bug hotels to put in the school garden.

Physical Education

PE sessions will continue on Fridays, with Mr Luxa from the Link Academy PE team taking the Friday sessions. Children need to come to school in their PE kit on Fridays and Tuesdays.

PSHE & RE

Our PSHE programme, 'Jigsaw' continues this term. Our topics this term are 'Dreams and Goals'. Children will have plenty of opportunities to explore what things they would like to achieve as they grow older and look at ways in which they can equip themselves with the tools and resilience to achieve those goals.. Jigsaw offers lots of interactive experiences and is lots of fun as they journey with class mascots 'Jigsaw Jenie' and 'Jigsaw Jack'.

In RE we are going to be exploring Christianity and what Jesus means to Christians.

Music

Mr. Miners will continue to give the children lots of opportunities to learn various songs, rhymes and rhythms using a variety of musical instruments.

Art/DT

In Art we are looking at colour and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours., We will also be mixing tints. We are looking at artists that used colour mixing to form abstract paintings.

Film Consent

To enhance the children's learning, we occasionally find it useful to show clips on DVD. All material used is carefully viewed by staff first and checked for suitability. DVDs are not always rated U but will not be higher than PG. We ask that if you have any queries, or do not wish your child to see these materials, that you let us know. If we hear nothing, we will assume that this is acceptable.