St Giles CE Primary School

Curriculum Information – Class 2 – Autumn 1 2023

A Message from the Class 2 Team

Welcome back and we extend a special welcome to our new children! We hope you've had a wonderful summer and that the children are all ready to jump back into school!

The teaching staff working with Class 2 are;

- Miss Simpson - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning
- Mrs Doyle - Monday afternoon
- Mrs Taylor – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon
- Mr Titterton – Friday

If you would like to speak to us about anything, please don't hesitate to chat to us at the start of the day, end of the day or contact the school office via phone or email.

Reading

Every day we have a dedicated reading aloud time when staff share a book with children to develop their love of reading using a reading spine that we have developed. We use fiction and non-fiction texts to support all our learning and extend the children's vocabulary. We are continuing to use the Little Wandle phonics scheme and this term will continue to follow the linked reading programme. This is a government validated synthetic phonic scheme that has been designed by schools for schools and it is based on a lot of research. The following link is designed especially to support parents with reading at home.

https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

There are three sections that you may find useful that give information about how we teach reading.

Reading for pleasure is still the key to success and we encourage all parents to share the library book your child has chosen from school and also to share any other books that your child is interested in that are from home or even Matlock library. A change to note in our practice is that children will bring home a reading book on a Friday that they will have read in school during the week. Please encourage your child to read this book to you at home a few times to continue to develop confidence and familiarity with it and return the book to school on the following Thursday.

PE

P.E. lessons take place on Monday afternoon. P.E kits will be kept in school for the children to change into when needed. This will allow children to gain independence and help with their self-care. Just a reminder that earrings must be removed for PE. We recommend that children bring a small box to put their earrings into during lessons.

Treat Friday

We will no longer be having 'Treat Friday' at school. Children can still bring in their own snacks, but please can this be a healthy snack (fruit or veg) and not something that comes in a wrapper.

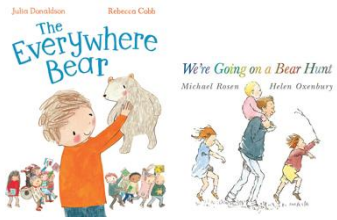
Water bottles
Please can you ensure children have a water bottle in school, we will keep this topped up with fresh water during the week and children can bring it home each Friday to wash.

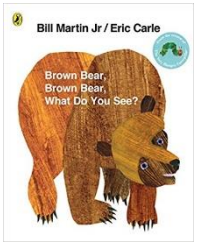
Homework
Homework will be sent out every Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. We will be going over homework together in class. This allows us to address any misconception which may have occurred.

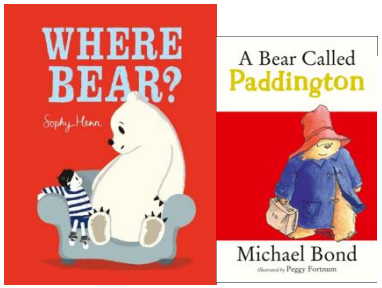
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English:
These are our key texts this term:







We are going to be looking at pattern and rhyme, stories with predictable and patterned language, writing character description, retelling a familiar story, writing a letter and writing a character description



Maths:
Year 1 – Children will begin the term by becoming familiar with numbers to 10; sorting and grouping, counting forwards and backwards and finding the number that is one more and one less. Following on from this, they will learn about part-whole models using number bonds to 10 and then will learn about addition within 10.
Year 2 – Children will start by learning about numbers up to 100; they will read and understand numbers and then use their place value knowledge to sort, compare and order numbers. They will learn how many '10s' and '1s' there are in two-digit numbers and will also count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. They will then use this knowledge to work on addition and subtraction using numbers up to 100.



RE:
We will be finding out about Christianity; investigating beliefs about God, learning Bible stories and why they are important and finding out why Christians pray. We will read parables and miracles and discuss the messages that Christians look for in these stories and why they are important guides for daily life.



Science and Geography:
We will be looking at the different seasonal changes and keeping a weather record.



Art:
In Art, the children will be exploring lines and mark-making.

	**Music:** In music we will be following a scheme called Charanga. This term we will be looking in introducing the beat as well as listening and responding to a range of different pieces of music.
	**PE:** This half term, our PE focus is gymnastics. P.E. lessons will be on a Monday afternoon so please make sure all P.E. kits are for Monday. Kits will be left in school and placed back onto pegs ready for the following week. We will be sending the P.E. kits home every half term.
	**Computing:** Children will be developing their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. Our children will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.
	**PSHE:** Children will be learning about Drug Education during the half term. The lessons will focus on looking different medicines, what does it look like to be poorly? We will also be making sure the children know how to keep those nasty germs away.

Dates for the Diary

September
Wednesday 6th September - Meet the teacher 5pm
Tuesday 12th September – Literacy & Oracy meeting 3:30pm
Friday 22nd September – Open afternoon for new parents
Tuesday 26th September – Open morning for new parents

October
Week commencing 16th October – Parent's evening (times & days to be confirmed)
Monday 16th October – Individual school photos
Monday 23rd October – Pupil flu immunisations
Friday 27th October – Break up for half term

November
Monday 6th November – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7th November – Back to school

December
Thursday 7th December – Aladdin at the Winding Wheel for EYFS and Year 1
Wednesday 13th December – INFANT NATIVITY PLAY – Class 1 and Class 2 at 1:30pm and 5pm.
Friday 15th December – Mother Goose at Derby Arena for Years 2 – 6
Friday 22nd December – Break up for Christmas