St Giles CE Primary School

Curriculum Information – Class 2 – Autumn 2 – 2022 – Childhood 2

A Message from the Class 2 Team

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely October half term and that the children are well rested and raring to go!

The teaching staff working with Class 2 are;

- Mrs Angrave (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
- Mrs Doyle (Thursdays and Fridays)

Mrs Eyley-Jones and Mrs Rodgers will also be working with Class 2 during the week.

If you would like to speak to us about anything, please don't hesitate to chat to us at the end of the day or we can be contacted via Class Dojo or by phoning school.

We had a Design and Technology day on Friday to complete a block of DT work focussed around food. This included identifying and describing fruits and vegetables, finding out where they grow and making a wrap. It was a very fun and practical day!

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. Children will continue to bring a new reading book home each Friday. Please ensure that you return the previous week's book on a Thursday so that the book can be read by other children in the class.

PE

PE lessons continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children should come to school in PE uniform on these days. 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.

Homework

Please support your child to practise spellings in preparation for the spellings tests on Fridays each week. There is also a list of homework tasks attached to this document. We expect each child to complete at least one of these tasks during the half term to support the topic we will be covering in school.

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	**In English**: We are continuing to work on writing sentences with a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end. We are now learning how to extend sentences by using and, but, because and or to link ideas in sentences. Our texts will include: Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas, Aladdin by Anna Bowles, the Nativity story, poems by Joseph Coelho and The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore.
	**In Maths:** **Year 1 –** We will continue to work on our addition and subtraction skills and apply this knowledge when working out word problems. We will then move on to learning about 2D and 3D shapes. **Year 2 –** We will continue our addition and subtraction work ensuring our knowledge of different methods is secure, we will look at two-step problems and how to solve these. We will then move on to look at coins, their values and how we can add coins together to make a total.
	**In RE:** We will be learning about Incarnation and exploring the question: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will learn about how Christians prepare for and celebrate Christmas.
	**In Science:** Our focus will be on learning about the senses of touch, taste, hearing, sight and smell. We will investigate which body parts we use for these senses. We will also be learning about parts of the human body and we will investigate the question: Can you jump further if you have longer legs?
	**Geography** We will be learning the world we live in. We will be learning about the different oceans and continents around the world and then we will be bringing it closer to home to learn about the countries in the United Kingdom. We will also use Google Earth to look at our school and surrounding area, looking at the different types of habitats around us and how we can protect them.
	**Art** The project we will be working on teaches children about different styles of portrait and we will be looking at the work of Picasso and Van Gogh. We will learn about paper collage and how to join pieces of fabric together. We will also make a small sculpture of the human body.
	**Music** Our music will focus around learning 'Rhythm in the Way We Walk' (Reggae style) and 'Banana Rap' (Hip Hop style) We will also be listening to some contrasting pieces of music and finding the pulse, discussing whether we like or dislike the music and identifying instruments. In addition, we will be learning the songs in preparation for our Christmas play.

	**PE** This half term, the PE focus will be dance.
	**Computing** Our focus in Computing will be around digital painting. We will learn how to create a piece of digital art on a computer, how to choose appropriate colours and shapes to recreate a piece of art and finally compare digital art to other art forms. We will also continue to practise our keyboard skills by using the laptops to type.
	**PSHE** Our PSHE topic this term is 'Bullying Matters' and our key word is **tolerance**. We will be discussing what we think a bully looks like, how bullying behaviour may make us feel and what we can do if we witness bullying.

KS1 Homework Tasks

Please choose at least one task from the following list and choose how you would like to record what you have done. Bring something into school to show and share with the class.

- Using the Google Earth website, look at different locations that children are familiar with such as their home address, school, the park. Spend some time exploring the website and features such as street view to find different locations.
- Use your senses to explore your house. What can you see? Hear? Smell? Taste? Feel?
- Find a recipe using fruit or vegetables and make it at home for your family.
- Research how people around the world celebrate Christmas. What is the same? What is different?
- Create a self-portrait using any art materials you like.
- Learn a poem off by heart and perform it to the class.