

# Y2 Newsletter

## LENT 2

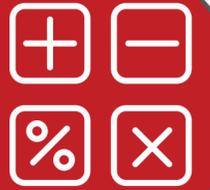


### Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term, we are learning to tell the time. We will be revising o'clock and half past before moving on to quarter past. After this, we will be measuring in centimetres and metres and looking to see how heavy objects are in our topic on mass.

We will continue to revise our four operations during Morning Work, and we will also continue to practise recalling our 2-, 5- and 10-times table so that we know the answers off-by-heart.

We will also continue our Mastering Number project to strengthen our knowledge of number and calculation.



### English

In English, we will start the term with the book 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Wills. In these lessons, we will explore the story and use this to write our own version.

We will then read 'Grandad's Camper' by Harry Woodgate. The children begin by exploring a dusty memory box which contains objects. They will create labels for the items and then explore the concept of memories by thinking about how things special to them.



### Religious Education

We will begin by exploring another faith, Islam, for a week. We will be learning how families celebrate special traditions and learn about how family life is important for Muslims. Then, we will move onto our RED curriculum. In Branch 4 'Desert to Garden' we will be learning about how Lent is an important time for Christians and that it is a time for forgiveness. We will learn about different times that we say sorry during the mass and about the events of Holy Week on the lead up to Easter.



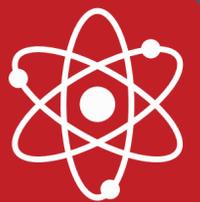
### Reading

In reading, we will continue to share story time with the children daily reading. This half term we will be reading 'Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith and 'Grimwood' by Nadia Shreen. The children will take part in guided reading sessions three times a week in groups that are linked to their phonic knowledge. During these sessions we will focus on reading with prosody (expression and rhythm) and develop the children's fluency when reading.



### Science

In Science, we will complete our unit about 'Living things' by looking at food chains. We will look at different animals in a range of habitats and revisit the vocabulary herbivore, omnivore and carnivore. We will then move on to learning about plants. In this unit, the children will explore seeds and bulbs and their similarities and differences. We will also investigate the different parts of a plant and what plants need to help them grow.



### Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about a range of topics. They will start with a unit all about online safety where they will find out about how to keep safe online and what they should and shouldn't share with others. The children will then move on to learning about basic spreadsheets using the Purple Mash programme. The children will then move on to learning about how to present information and finally they will explore how computing can help us solve questions.



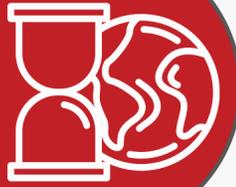


## Design Technology- Wheels and axels

In Design and Technology, the children will be designing and making vehicle. They will explore how wheels move. They will identify what stops a wheel from turning and design a moving vehicle. They will then build a moving vehicle, meeting design criteria and will evaluate their final product, suggesting improvements.

## Geography- Life in the City

In this unit, children will explain what a city is and name some of the capital cities of the world. They will explore the physical and human features of Edinburgh and Cape Town and compare similarities and differences between the two. They will look at aerial photos and explore how maps are designed and created.



## Physical Education

This half term we will continue with our Gymnastics unit. We will also start our games unit. In this unit the children will learn how to change direction when running, throw and catch a range of objects with accuracy. They will also learn how to kick a ball whilst moving and take part in skills games.

PE days are Wednesday and Friday.



## PSHE

We will begin the half term we will be learning about keeping Safe. Super Susie helps children to tell the difference between good and bad secrets. This unit also explores teaching on physical boundaries, incorporating the PANTS resource by the NSPCC. Through the animated expert Dr Datfa, children will also learn about the effects of harmful substances (including alcohol and tobacco), some basic First Aid, what makes a 999 emergency and what they should do in an emergency situation.



## Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 2 are learning the following words:  
opportunities, axels, aerial, city, rhythm



## Class Notices

World Book day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
National Science week - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothers day Mass - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothers day Lunch - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Forest School every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for Group 1 and Group 2.



## How parents & carers can help

- o Regular reading with your child and practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- o Practise counting wherever you go.
- o Practice multiplication and division especially 2's, 5's and 10's.
- o Check Class Dojo regularly for updates.

