



Love, Learn and Grow

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Spring Term

Class Two	Teacher: Miss McErlean	Support staff: Miss Jefferies
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English	Reading Children will continue to partake in short daily phonics session to continue their reading progress. We will revisit sounds and red words so they can read them by sight. The children will also complete reading comprehensions on different texts such as stories, poems and information each week. Writing As writers we will be looking at the story Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham. We will look at historical narratives and write a diary entry for Samuel Pepys. Writing Focus Using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks Joining sentences using a range of conjunctions (because, as when, and, but, so etc.) Using adjectives to describe nouns Grammar and Punctuation Focus Knowing the 4 types of sentence: statement, command, exclamation and question. Knowing how to identify the present and past tense Being able to identify nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives Knowing which words need a capital letter Being able to use apostrophes for contracted words (can't/wasn't) and for singular possession (Zara's shoes)
Maths	Following on from the excellent progress made by the children last term, our Y1 class 2 members will be joining our maths lessons. As mathematicians, the children will begin to explore place value within 100, before moving onto addition and subtraction. The children will begin to explore multiplication and division. We will use arrays, and develop our understanding of equal groups and sharing. We will also explore money and different forms of measurement. Times Tables Year children need to know the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables ready for Year 3.

	They can practice learning them on TTRS, chanting them at home or by playing games. Year 1 children should be able to confidently count in 2's 5's and 10's by the end of the year. Arithmetic Year 2 will complete daily arithmetic questions to improve their mental skills. They need to be able to complete questions like the ones below by the end of the year. 80-10 5×6 $22 + 22$ $98 + 4$ $7 + 84$ 14 divided by 2 $68 - 11$ $54 - 8$
Science	As scientists, we will look at Animals including Humans. We will develop our understanding of life cycles and explore what animals needs to survive.
RE	In RE, we will continue to learn about who Jesus is and understand how he teaches about the nature of God using stories with a hidden message, called parables, and miracles that only God could perform.
History	As historians we will learn about the Victorians and draw contrasts between life as a child in Victorian England and the life of children today
Geography	As geographers we will explore the continent of Africa, with a focus on Kenya. We will investigate the similarities and differences between the UK and Africa, and learn more about the culture of the continent.
Art and Design	As artists, will we create prints using paints with the inspiration of Andy Warhol, building on our knowledge of primary and secondary colours and printing skills.
Design Technology	As designers, we will focus on textiles and create our own money pouches. We will build on our materials knowledge from our previous science topic to create a suitable and useful design.
Computing	In computing, we will explore digital literacy to become storytellers, whilst building on the skills we have developed so far. We will also learn about E- safety and the importance of staying safe online.
PE	In PE, dance will be one of the areas of focus this term. We will develop fundamental movement skills, such as balance, agility and coordination through creative, themed activities building on confidence and teamwork.
Music	As musicians, the children will learn to play a piece on the glockenspiel with a focus on keeping a steady beat and staying in time.
PSHE	Alongside their science topic, the children will learn more about life cycles and the changes we go through in life.

Additional Information

PE Days – Friday

Forest School – Wednesday Afternoon

Reading Books

Please remember to sign your child's reading record when you hear your child read and ensure they are in their bags, along with their books, **everyday** so adults in school can hear them read too.

Homework

Spellings lists will be sent home at the beginning of every half term and the weekly lists stuck in the children's homework books. Children are expected to learn their spellings and write them into sentences to practise their handwriting and punctuation. Please ensure these are returned to school every Friday.

The homework grid is on our Class Page on our school website, it will also be sent home at the beginning of each half term. We ask that your child completes as least **two** of the tasks by the date set on the grid.

