'Let your light shine'

**Matthew 5.16**

# Class 2 (Spring 2) Curriculum Newsletter

## English

In Reading, we will continue to look at a variety of different genres to expand the children's horizons. This half term we will be looking at the themes of new novelists, amazing women, autism, British Science Week and dinosaurs! During our writing lessons we will be building up to writing an adventure story based on the text 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'.

## Mathematics

In Maths this half-term, we will continue to look at Multiplication and Division- looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the division facts to go with them. Following this, we will move onto learning about length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

## RE

Our unit this half term is 'Which times are special and why? This investigation will enable the children to think about their own significant times and those times that are special in different religions. The festivals focussed on in this topic are Easter (Christian people), Diwali (Hindu people) and Sukkot (Jewish people). The children will give examples of special occasions and suggest features of a good celebration, recall simple stories connected with Easter and festivals from Hinduism and Judaism and say why the festivals are special times for believers.

## Music

This half-term in Music, we will continue to focus on pitch. The skills we will cover are-

Developing accurate pitch matching.

Echo-sing short melodic phrases identifying the direction of the pitch (up/down).

Show higher and lower and pitch intervals with hands and actions.

## PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Monday** and **Friday.** The first session will focus on cricket- led by Chance 2 Shine. During our LUFC sessions on a Friday, we will focus on team building skills and activities.

## Science

In Science, we will move on from the properties of everyday materials to their uses. We will look at how some materials can change shape by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting, and others can't.

## History

In History, we will be learning about the Moon Landing and in particular the achievements of Neil Armstrong. The focus will be on the Space Race and why the astronauts achievements still have an impact today.

## PSHE

This half term will focus on medicines. We will learn about harmful and helpful medicines and how to take medicine safely.

## DT

During our DT lessons, we will be designing and making our own hand puppets using some basic sewing stitches.

## Computing

In Computing this half-term, the unit focuses on data handling. We will use software to create and label pictograms. We will also create bar and pie charts.

# Class 2

## Ways to help your child at home

We welcome and encourage children to continue their learning beyond school and share their achievements with us. We have consciously decided not to publish or set homework sheets, however we would like all children to complete these key weekly tasks and activities.

Read Write Inc. Spelling

The children will bring home their spelling logs every day. These will contain words that they have found tricky in class and would benefit from additional practice.

### Daily Reading

Developing a love or reading and learning to read are directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. Reading daily with and to your child is the single most important thing you can do to help them with their learning.

KIRFs

### Key Instant Recall Facts

KIRF practise will help your child to learn by heart, key facts and information which they need to have instant recall of. KIRFs are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. Your child's KIRFs for this half term can be found below.

### Times Table Rockstars

Being able to confidently recall times table facts helps children in all areas of Maths, including problem solving. Daily practise on TT Rockstars will your child to improve their times table recall and speed.

### 1 Minute Maths

This is a fantastic app, (particularly suited to Year R-3) which helps children to build number confidence and fluency through 1-minute tasks. The app gives instant feedback, with a 'hints' button which rephrases the question if children need a little extra support.

### Hit the Button

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games, which are against the clock, challenge and develop mental maths skills. An untimed, practise mode is available within the app.

# Key Vocabulary

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## Science –

man-made, natural, pushing, pulling, suitable, use, useful, characteristics, properties, rigid, flexible, strong, weak, reflective, non-reflective, transparent, opaque, translucent, shapes, changes

## History-Moon Landing

decade, century, modern, timeline, order, similar, different, memory, artefact, generation, impact, significance, legacy, astronaut, launch

## DT- Hand Puppets

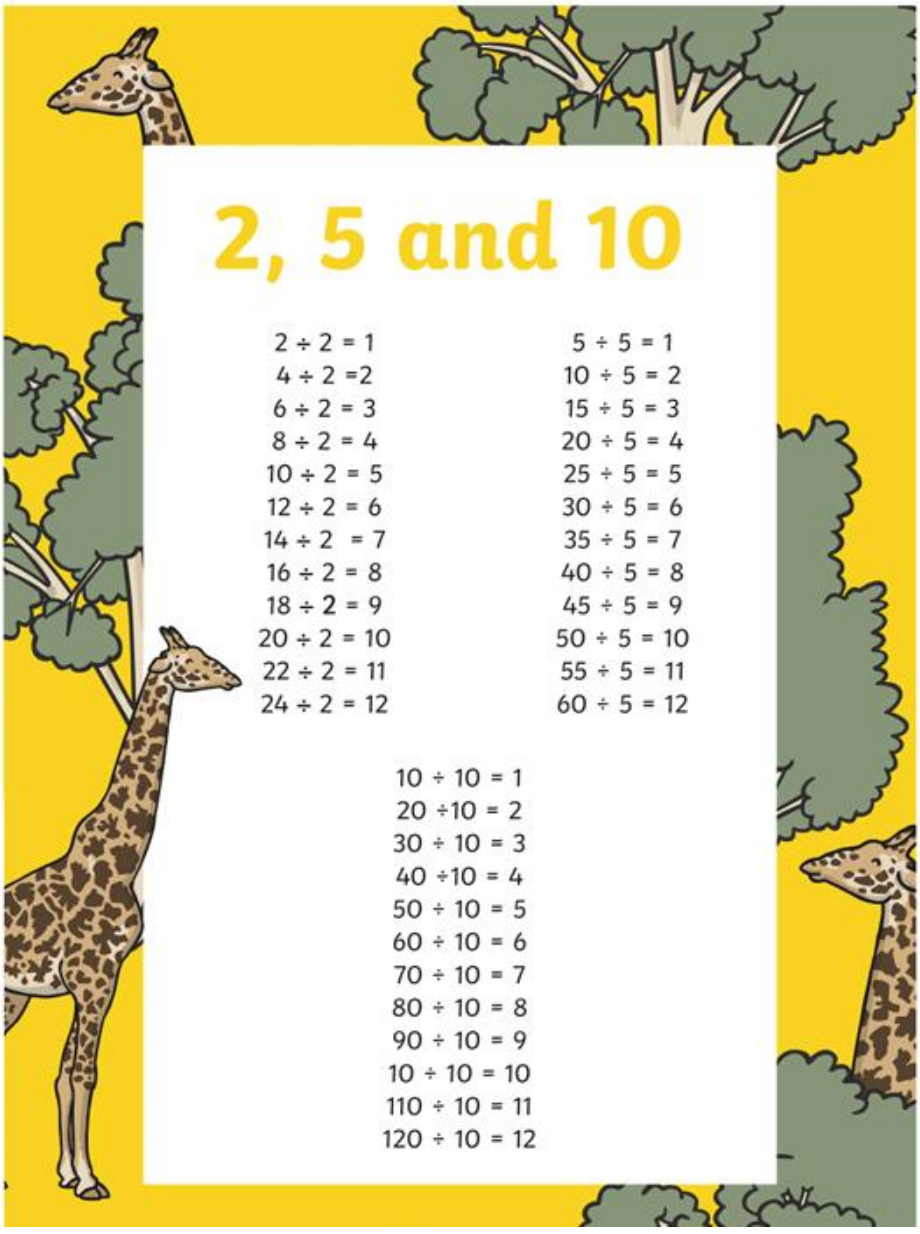
tools, template, pattern pieces, mark out, join, decorate, finish features, suitable, quality mock-up, design brief, design criteria, make, evaluate, user, purpose, function

## Religious Education

celebration, special, believer, Easter, Diwali, Sukkot

# Class 2 'KIRFs' – Spring Term 2

**TOP TIPS**

The secret to success is practising little and often and make it fun. Use spare bits of time wisely. Can you practice your KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practice them all at once, you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Year 2- Division facts for 2's, 5's and 10 times table