'Let your light shine'

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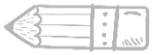
Class 2 (Autumn 1) Curriculum Newsletter

English

In Reading, we will be looking at lots of different types of books with a different theme each week. The themes this half term include Grandparents week, Roald Dahl, Adventures, Poetry and Black History Month.

Our writing this half-term will mainly use the text 'Troll Swap' where we will look to consolidate the children's understanding of sentence structure and build on it to write a story with a character focus.

Mathematics

In Maths this half-term, we will focus on place value and partitioning numbers. We will use objects, counters, cubes and pictures to help build our understanding. Before the half term ends, we will begin increasing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will begin to understand how to use our partitioning skills to solve problems.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is 'Who is Jewish and How do they live?' Firstly, the children will explore what the word special means and will identify their own special objects. They will then explore some of the special objects that are found in Jewish homes e.g. a Mezuzah. They will begin to learn about the Jewish belief in God as expressed in the Shema, a special Jewish prayer. They will also find out about the Jewish Festivals of Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur which are both celebrated at a similar time in the Autumn.

Music

This half-term in Music we will explore pulse and rhythm. We will sing a variety of different songs and put actions with them.

PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Thursday** and **Friday.** The first session will focus on the fundamental movement skills such as balance. The Friday session will be with the Leeds Utd Foundation coach and will focus on Invasion Games skills.

Science

In Science, the children will learn all about animals including humans. Our focus will be learning the to identify and label the main body parts and we will also be learning about our senses and which body parts link to which sense.

Geography

In Geography, we are learning about our Local Area- focusing on Leeds. We will look at some of the main landmarks of the city and some key facts attached to them. In addition, we will look at similarities and differences between Leeds and Thorp Arch.

PSHE

This half term will focus on managing risks- both indoors and outdoors. This will allow the children to identify potential hazards and look at how they could be prevented.

Art

During our Art lessons, we will look at creating self- portraits using Vincent Van Gogh as inspiration.

Computing

In Computing this half-term, the children will start look at E-safety and staying safe online. They will then look at how to use the internet to research information.

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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.

Science – Animals including humans

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Geography- Local Are Study (Leeds)

United Kingdom, UK, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, London, Capital City, Leeds, Yorkshire, county, River Aire, motorway, ring road, railway, canal, landmark, Town Hall, Corn Exchange, University, Royal Armouries, Elland Road Stadium

Key Vocabulary

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Art

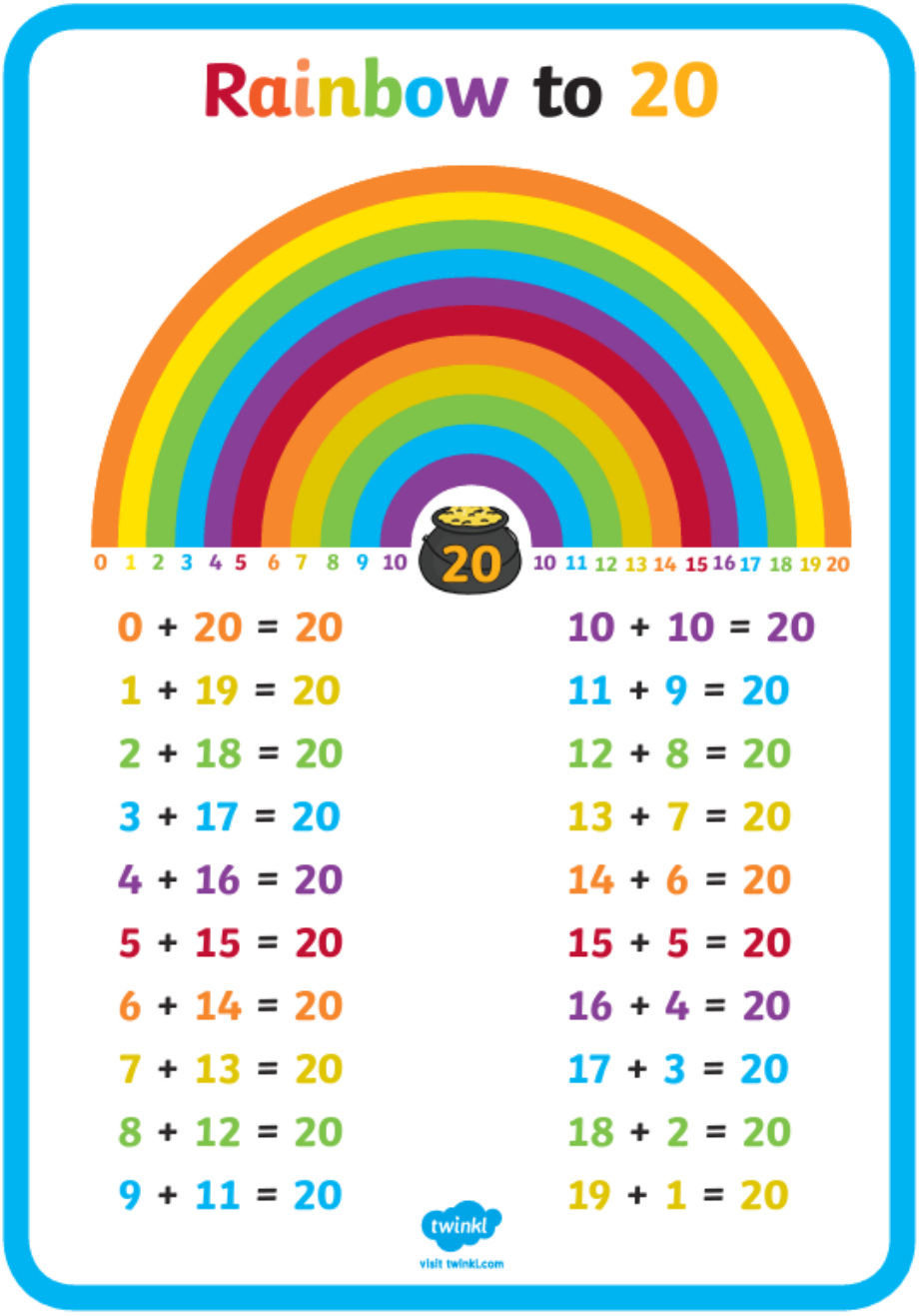
observe, observational, control, line, shade, features, primary colours, secondary colours

Religious Education

Jewish, Judaism, Special, Mezuzah, Shema, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah

Class 2 'KIRFs' – Autumn Term 1

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- Number bonds for 10 and 20