'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5.16

Class 2 (Autumn 2) Curriculum Newsletter

English

In Reading, we will continue to look at a variety of different genres where we will focus on Bonfire Night, Remembrance, the environment and Christmas.
During our writing lessons, we will begin the half term by learning about poetry and writing our own firework poem. We will then use the book 'Nibbles the Book Eating Monster' to create diary entries.

Mathematics

In Maths this half-term, we will spend most of this half term focusing on Addition and Subtraction where we will learn how to add and subtract two digit to two digit numbers. We will learn how to use our existing number knowledge to solve problems. Towards the end of the half term, we will move on to looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

RE

Our unit this half term is 'Why does Christmas matter for Christians.' After thinking about why/if Christmas is special to us we will beginning to think about why Christmas is an important time for Christians. We will think about Jesus as a special baby (God made human) and retell the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke in words and pictures. We will look at secular and non-secular Christmas cards and a representative from Church will come and talk to us about the signs of Christmas that can be seen in Churches. We will look at some Christmas traditions: advent calendar, candle, crib scene and wreath and make some thank you paper chains.

Music

This half-term in Music, we will continue to learn about pulse and rhythm. Amongst other skills, we will learn to-

- Copy and identify crotchet and quaver rhythms.
- Compose and notate 4 beat rhythm patterns using words and stick notation.
- Recognise a rest beat in a phrase.

PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Thursday** and **Friday.** The first session will focus on Gymnastics, where we will use apparatus to build our skills. During our LUFC sessions, we will learn the skills of Tag Rugby.

Science

In Science, we will learn about animals- including identifying and classifying them. We will use the vocabulary Carnivore, Herbivore and Omnivore and will look at identifying mammals, reptiles, birds and fish.

History

In History, we will look at changes in living memory where we focus on our families and how our lives have changed compared to our grandparents. We will use the skills of creating timelines and family trees.

PSHE

This half term will focus on healthy lifestyles. This topic will look at diet, exercise and keeping our minds healthy.

DT

During our DT lessons, we will use slider, lever and wheel mechanisms to create a moving picture linked to Christmas.

Computing

In Computing this half-term, the children will learn to create and debug simple programs by selecting code blocks, place them in the correct sequence and executing a program. They will also use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.

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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.

Key Vocabulary

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Science – Animals including humans

fish, birds, mammals,

reptiles, amphibians, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, meat-eaters, plant feeders, habitat, wild animals, pets, teeth, wing, claw, tail, beak, fur, feather, fin

History- Me and My Family

Decade, century, timeline, order, similar, same, different, important, memory, opinion, fact, important, importance, recount, history, oldest, newest, period, generation

DT- Moving Pictures

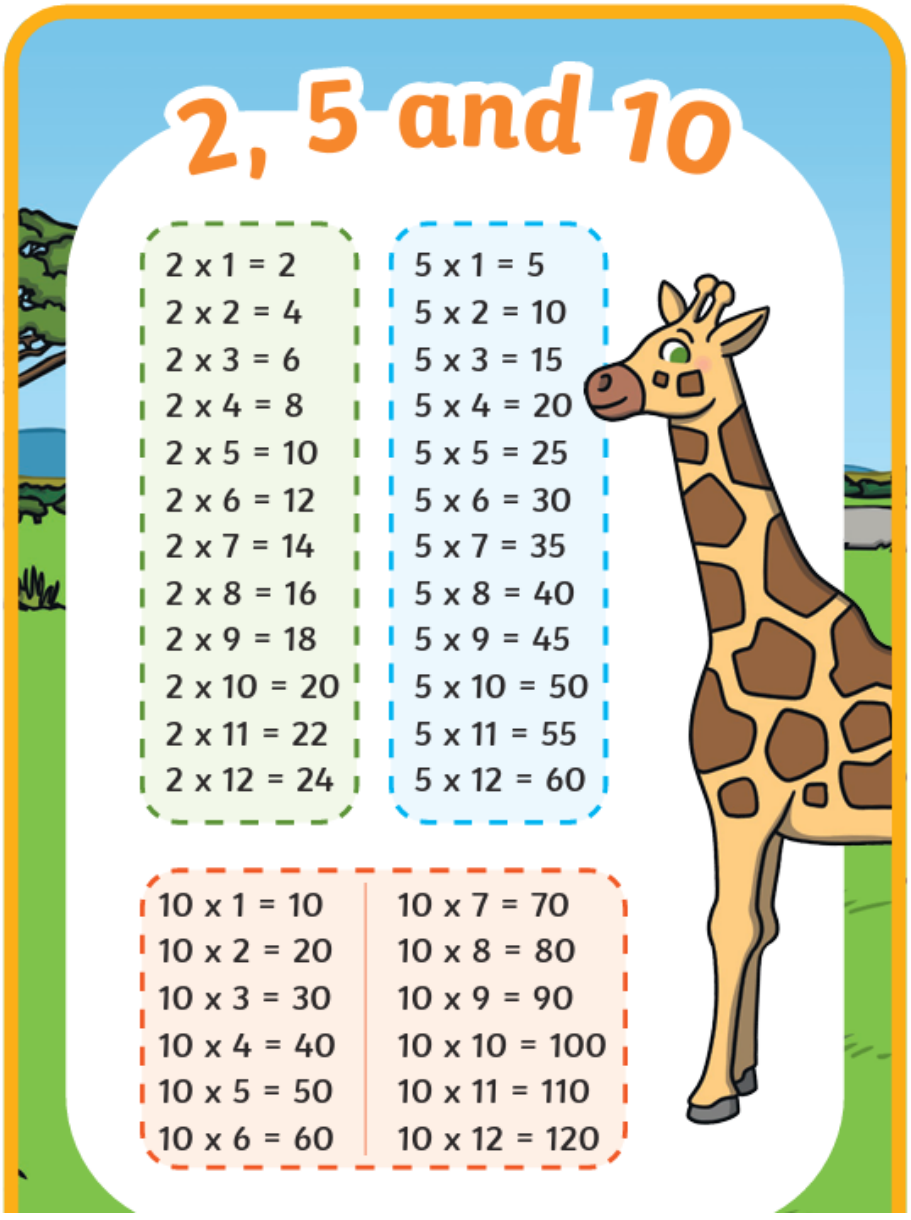
slider, lever, pivot, slot, bridge/guide card, masking tape, paper fastener, join pull, push, up, down, straight, curve, forwards, backwards design, make, evaluate, user, purpose, ideas, design criteria, product, function

Religious Education

Christianity, Jesus, birth, belief, Christian, Christmas, Gospel

Class 2 'KIRFs' – Autumn 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- Multiplication facts for the 2s 5s and 10 times tables