'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5.16

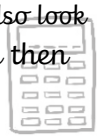
Class 2 (Spring 1) Curriculum Newsletter

English

In Reading, we will continue to look at a variety of different genres where we will focus on New Year, Book series, Chinese New Year and managing emotions.
In Writing, we will begin the New Year by looking at the 'Colour Monster'. Following that, the children will write some instructions and then we will focus on the text 'The Lion Inside'.

Mathematics

In Maths this half-term, we will be looking at a number of different concepts. We will start the term by looking at shape. We will then move on to a Money focus where we will look at pounds and pence in a combination of notes and coins. We will also look at adding amounts of money and finding change. We will then begin to look at multiplication and division.



RE

Our unit this half term is 'Who Made the World' from the perspective of Christianity. The Children will retell the story of creation from Genesis 1:1–2.3 simply. They will learn that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible. They will say what the story tells Christians about God, creation and the world and give at least one example of what Christians do to say thank you to God for the Creation. Finally, they will think, talk and ask questions about living in an amazing world.

Music

In Music, the focus is Pitch. The children will learn to develop accurate pitch matching and echo-sing short melodic phrases identifying the direction of the pitch (up/down). They will show higher and lower and pitch intervals with hands and actions and begin songs on different pitches maintaining the correct pitch interval. By the end they will recognise and use pitch names for soh and mi and lah-soh-mi

PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Thursday** and **Friday.** The first session will focus on Fitness. During our LUFC sessions, we will learn the skills of different target games.

Science

In Science, we will learn about everyday materials. The children will learn how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock and describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

Geography

In Geography, we are studying The Arctic and Antarctica. We will learn about where they are situated, which countries make up the Arctic circle, what the climate is like in both areas, how global warming is impacting them and which animals live there.

PSHE

This half term will focus on boys, girls and families where they learn to understand and respect differences and similarities between people. They will also learn the biological differences between boys and girls.

Art

In Art, we will be using Matisse as our inspiration to create collages and other mixed media creations. We will learn how to Explore a range of mediums and manipulate materials to create a planned effect.

Computing

In Computing this half-term, the topic is Digital Art. The children will use a programme called PiXL Art to create shapes and learn how to use fill tools.

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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 – Everyday Materials

object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, solid, liquid, gas, water, rock, rough, smooth, bright, shiny, dull, dim, absorbent, waterproof, bendy, stiff. soft, hard, squashing, stretching, transparent

Geography

North Pole, Arctic, Arctic Circle, Arctic Ocean South Pole, Antarctica, continent, Antarctic Circle, Southern Ocean, Equator, Pole, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, wildlife, habitat, penguin, seal, whale, polar bear, iceberg, ice-cap, Northern Lights, Southern Lights, population, inhabitants, indigenous, scientist, researcher, explorer, global warming, climate change, melting, habitat loss

Art-

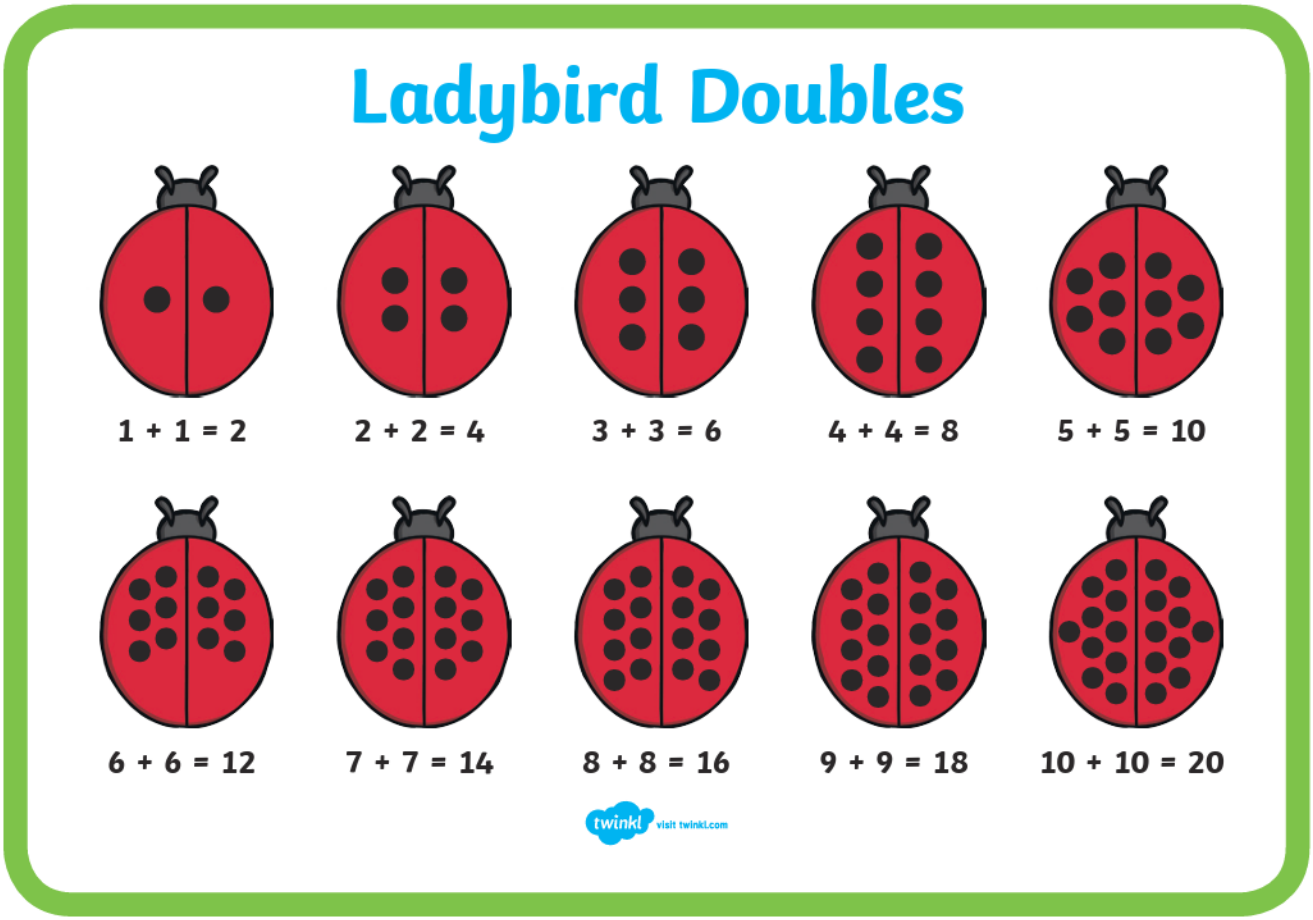
collage, features, combination, cut, tear, stick, material, background, texture, overlap, surface

Religious Education

Christianity, Christian, Creator, Creation Story, Genesis, Bible

Class 2 'KIRFs' – Spring 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- Doubling and halving numbers to 20