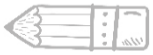
'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5.16

Class 2 (Summer 1) Curriculum Newsletter

English

In Reading, we will continue to look at a variety of different genres including focuses on cats, dogs, wild animals and British History.
During our Writing lessons, we will focusing on the text 'Goldilocks and just the one bear' which is a reimagining of the traditional tale.

Mathematics

In Maths this half-term, we will begin by learning about fractions. By the end of this unit, the children should be able to recognise and find a half, a quarter, a third and three quarters of both objects and numbers. We will then move onto time by building on our understanding of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour.

RE

Our question of the half term is- **What do Christians believe God is like?**
Based on the 'Understanding Christianity' framework. The children will learn that Christians believe that God is loving, kind and forgiving, often described as a caring father or king. This will be explored through bible stories such as Jonah and the Whale and Jesus' teaching of the parable The Lost Son.

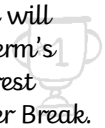
Music

This half-term in Music, we will be exploring dynamics, tempo and timbre. During this unit we will-

- Sing expressively with some control of dynamics.
- Explore long and short sounds (duration), loud and quiet sounds (dynamics), fast and slow sounds (tempo), high & low sounds (pitch). Play loudly, quietly, fast, slow developing some technique with instruments.
- Explore ways in which sounds are made and can be changed.

PE

Our PE days this half term will be **Thursday** and **Friday.** The first session will focus on Dance. During our LUFC sessions on a Friday, we will focus on athletics in preparation for this term's Sports Day. It is also our half term for Forest School- a letter was sent prior to the Easter Break.



Science

In Science, we will spend this term on plants. We will plant out own seeds and watch them germinate and grow. The children will learn about the best conditions for plants to survive and thrive.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about oceans and continents. By the end we will be able to locate the seven continents of the world on a globe and world map. We will also be able to locate the five oceans of the world on a globe and world map.

PSHE

This half term will focus on friendship. We will learn how to show someone we care about them and what to do if we or others feel excluded.

Art

During our Art lessons, we will be exploring the work of Henry Moore and creating our own sculptures using clay.

Computing

In Computing this half-term, we will be using Scratch Jr. to develop our programming skills. We will learn how to program movements by using code blocks and sequencing them correctly.

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.

Science –

seed, bulb, bud, growth, grow, habitat, local, environment, leaf fall, water, light, temperature, healthy growth, survive, soil, germinate, stages of growth

Geography-

Continent, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australia, Antarctica, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Southern
ocean, environment, climate, temperature, polar, temperate, tropical, desert, rainforest, wildlife, habitat, environment, adapted, suited, adaptation, plastic pollution, impact, reduce, reuse, recycle

Key Vocabulary

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Art-

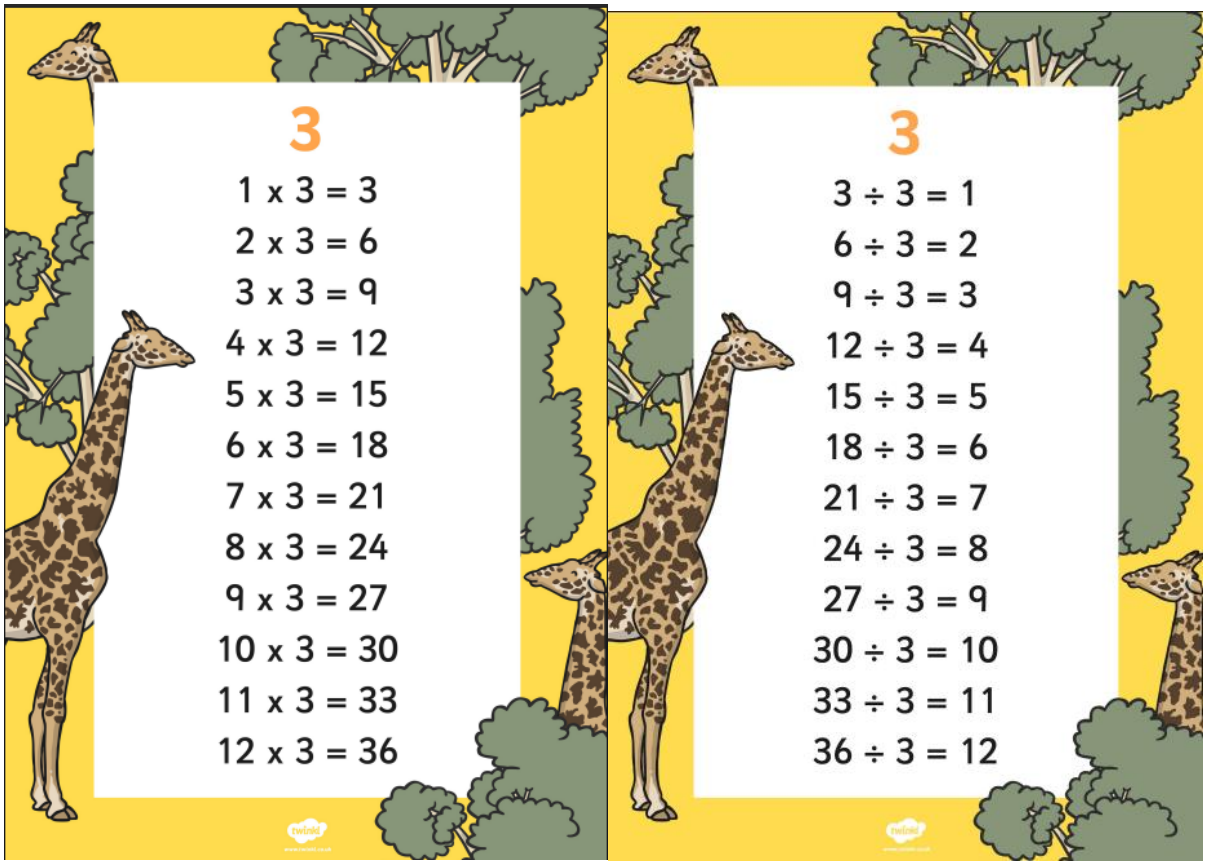
sculpture, manipulate, shaping, slip, score, slab

Religious Education

Forgiving, Prodigal, worship, Nineveh, loving, Father, parable, Jonah, God, Holy

Class 2 'KIRFs' – Summer 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.

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Multiplication and Division facts of 3s