

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development



Our RE focus before half term is "What do Christians believe about forgiveness?" Including, what is the Bible? Books of the Bible. After half term it will be: **Easter—What is Easter?** Is Easter happy or sad? Palm Sunday

Our RHE focus before half term is "Families and Committed Relationships—The Diversity of Families". We will be exploring the question: who is in a family? We will look at different kinds of families and what makes a happy family. After half term it will be: **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds**
Staying safe and healthy - Healthy feelings, staying safe at home, feeling poorly.



Ideas For Helping Your Child At Home

- Please continue to read with your child at home regularly. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their log book. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Book bags are needed in school **every day**.
- Practising reading key words and spellings at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing development. Playing games, turning the words into flash cards, even saying them in the car or on the way to school will help.
- Talking to your child about their day at school is very useful and important. It helps the children remember important ideas and explaining what they have learnt, helps to embed it further in their mind.
- Our class has a designated PE day on Monday. Please send your child into school dressed in their PE kit every Monday.



**Curriculum Letter
Spring Term
2024
Year Two**

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, detailed within this leaflet is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Year Two. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce this at home.

English



Our Guided Reading focus is all about comprehension. We will be showing what we have understood by retelling what we have just read using words and phrases from the text. We are also going to say what the characters are like based on what we have read. When you read with your child at home, perhaps you could ask them to explain or retell what they have just been reading about and discuss the characters.

Our narrative focus for this half of term will be diary writing. We will be imagining that we are polar explorers to describe a polar expedition. Using the first person This will link with our Cold topic where we will be researching the life of Captain Scott. After half term we will focus on poetry writing and descriptive language. We will think of adjectives we can use to describe nature.

Our non-fiction focus this half of term will be report writing. We will be finding out about polar animals and using what we have learned to create detailed fact files and non-chronological reports.

After half term we will continue to think about fact files and non-chronological reports about different plants.

We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and practise using known sounds to write regular words independently. We will be continuing to learn how to read and spell our key words.



Maths

This term we will be learning about dividing. We will be using our knowledge of the 2, 5, and 10 times table to help us. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be identifying the sides, vertices, edges and faces on the shapes. Next term we will be looking again at addition and subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting, crossing the tens boundary and learning strategies to help us with this. We will also be looking at money, finding the correct amount of change and how to make different amounts. Lastly, we will look at fractions. We will be finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of objects and numbers.

Topic

Our class topic before half term is **Cold**. We will investigate where the coldest places on earth are and all about the animals and people that live there. In history, we will be finding out all about Captain Scott and his expedition to the South Pole. In art we will think about "cold colours" to create winter pictures and we shall also be making models of polar animals using a range of materials. For science we will investigate materials to find out which are the best insulators to keep you warm and classifying polar animals. We will also be learning why polar animals are able to withstand the freezing temperatures of the Arctic and Antarctic.

Our class topic after half term is **Plants and Growth**. We will be investigating the different parts of plants and how they grow. We will also be doing practical activities (planting seeds). We will explore how plants provide us with food and which plants grow in different parts of the world. In art will explore the artwork of Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keefe. We will also create an observational drawing of a plant. We will find out how you know if something is alive/has never been alive/was once alive.

