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Loving minds ♥ hearts ♥ hands.

Year 2 - Autumn 2 2020-21: This term we will be learning lots of new and exciting things!

Home learning and Reading

Weekly spellings will be given out every Monday and tested on the following Friday. Daily reading is extremely important. We are listening to your child read every day in school and we expect you to listen to your child read every day for 5-10 minutes at home. Please sign their reading record every time you read with them.



They have 3 reading books: a RWI specific book, a (RFP) Reading For Pleasure book and a Library book. The RWI and RFP books need to be read every night and the Library book does not need to be recorded in their reading records. Please follow the Reading Schedule glued into your child's reading record and on the class webpage. Reading records are checked daily.

Maths and English home learning books will be given out every Thursday. The designated pages should be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday morning. Challenges will be set on Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash. The children have their logins inside their reading records.

Maths: **Maths No Problem**

This half term the children will be continuing their maths learning through MNP, and continue the focus on 'Calculations' in particular multiplication and division of 2, 5- and 10-times tables. It is crucial that these are practised at home in order to build up fluency. We will then be moving onto 'Measurement' and exploring length, mass & temperature. Alongside MNP, the children will also be challenging themselves and others with weekly Times Table Rockstar's home-learning. In Year 2 the children need to be secure in the 2, 5- and 10-times tables.



RE: **Signs and Symbols, Other Faiths and Preparation**

In RE, we will be continuing the topic of Baptism and exploring the signs and symbols connected to that sacramental rite and their importance. After this we will be moving onto 'Other Faiths', the focus being Judaism. The next topic will be 'Preparations' and the children will be exploring how we prepare for Jesus during Advent in the run up to Christmas.



English: **RWI and Cracking Comprehension**

We are continuing to follow the phonics reading and writing scheme; Read Write Inc, that enables your child to read more efficiently and improve their writing skills. They will continue to learn and practise how to decode and blend sounds which will help them read and write sentences confidently. Each week, there is a changeover of books so the children will be introduced to a wide range of writing genres. Alongside RWI lessons the children will be continuing with 'Cracking Comprehension', which will ensure the children are able to read texts for understanding, and answer questions about what they have read using the text. It will also continue to develop the skills of scanning, sequencing and predicting in order to become a confident reader. You can support your child with their comprehension by reading a range of texts and asking why and how questions about the title, characters and events of the story.





Science: Materials

Through 'Snap Science' the children will be exploring 'Uses of Everyday Materials' building on their EYFS and Year 1 knowledge and understanding. Working scientifically, they will learn to identify and name a variety of different materials and the properties that make them suitable for their use and different ways the shape of a solid can be changed.



Topic: Geography: Maps

In Geography the children will be exploring maps, including compass directions, simple keys and looking at the Geography of the school and surrounding area.



DT: Templates and Joining - Puppets

The children will be exploring pre-existing puppets to analyse their designs and purposes. From this the children will be practising the skills of creating templates and joining with textiles, introducing them to a range of joining techniques such as sewing. The children will design and create their own Nativity 'character' puppet to be used in a re-enactment of the Nativity story.



P.E: Dance and Gym

This term the focus will be on Dance and Gym. In dance the topic is 'Dance around the World' and the children will be using their skills to create, rehearse and perform group dances. In Gym the children will be continuing to look at movement skills such as spinning, turning and twisting. They will have P.E twice a week so please ensure your child brings their P.E kit in at the beginning of term so it is in school every day.



Music:

The children will be listening to and exploring a range of different musical genres and styles. They will be exploring rhythms and tempo with percussion and a variety of musical instruments



Computing: Purple Mash: Online Safety and Spreadsheets

In computing the children will be continuing with Purple Mash and the importance of online safety. We will then be moving onto spreadsheets. The children will be learning how to read and create spreadsheets and understand their uses and usefulness. The children all have their own individual Purple Mash logins which are glued inside their reading records.



Useful websites and further information:

- www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2
- <https://mybookblog.org/plugin/st-ambrose-rc-primar/>
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-the-2-times-table-with-bridget-the-lioness/zrrx92p>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zc7ygdm>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-the-5-times-table/zhbm47h>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zw8qxfz>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/ks1-maths-the-10-times-table-with-webster-the-spider/zm32cqt>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zq3rk2p>

BBC Bitesize is an excellent resource for Maths work and English work as well as Science. DK Find Out has some excellent information on materials. Take a look! Playing boardgames is a fantastic way to improve your child's confidence with maths and literacy. Please look at our class homepage on our school website. If there is anything you'd like to see on there, please let me know.



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