



Class 2 Curriculum Newsletter Year 2 – Autumn 1

Welcome to Class 2!

We are really looking forward to an exciting half term of learning, exploring and discovering together. We have lots of fantastic topics planned, from mysterious rocks and daring sea rescues to colourful art and amazing animals!

Here is a little taste of what we will be learning about this half term...

Maths – Place Value, Addition & Subtraction

We will begin our maths learning by becoming **number experts!** 

The children will develop their understanding of numbers to 100 by:

- Counting forwards and backwards in tens
- Recognising **tens and ones**
- Using place value charts
- Partitioning numbers
- Writing numbers in words
- Exploring expanded form

Later in the half term, we will use these skills to help us develop our **addition and subtraction strategies**.

There will be lots of opportunities to use practical resources, solve problems and explain our mathematical thinking.

English – *The Secret of Black Rock*

Our English learning will be inspired by **The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton**. 

We will dive into the story and explore its characters, setting and exciting events before developing our own **story writing**.

Our focus will be on writing a **return narrative**, thinking carefully about how characters can go on an adventure and return home again.

We will be developing our vocabulary, sentence construction, descriptive writing and storytelling skills along the way.





Science – Animals Including Humans

Get ready to become **animal experts!** 🐶🐱🐹

We will learn about the things animals need to survive and explore different groups of animals, including:

-  Mammals
-  Birds
-  Fish
-  Amphibians
-  Reptiles

We will investigate how animals are classified and discover what makes each group special.

We will also turn our attention to **humans**, learning about what our bodies need to stay healthy and survive.

Geography & History – Coasts & Grace Darling

Our topic takes us to the **coast!** 🏖️

In Geography, we will explore the UK's coastline, learning about:

- Coastal features
- Coastal towns
- The seas surrounding the UK
- How different coastal locations are similar and different

We will compare **Whitby and Westward Ho!** and investigate what makes each location special.

In History, we will travel back to Victorian times to learn about the incredible **Grace Darling** and her famous sea rescue. 🚢

We will compare **Victorian life with life today** and think about why coastal safety is so important.



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Art – Painting & Hundertwasser

This half term, our art room will be full of **colour, pattern and creativity!** 

We will explore the work of the artist **Hundertwasser** and investigate his distinctive, colourful style.

The children will develop their painting skills through:

-  Colour mixing
-  Wax-resist techniques
-  Pattern
-  Texture
-  Mark-making

We will create artwork inspired by **The Rainbow Fish**, as well as coastal and ocean landscapes.

Throughout our art learning, we will also take time to **reflect on and evaluate our creations**.

Music – Finding the Pulse

Let's get moving to the beat! 

In Music, we will learn that every piece of music has a **musical heartbeat**, known as the **pulse or beat**.

We will explore how to feel, recognise and keep a steady beat while listening and responding to different pieces of music.

PSHE – Being Me in My World

We will begin the year thinking about **who we are and where we belong**.

The children will explore:

-  Who they are
-  Their place within our school community
-  How to build positive relationships
-  Responsibility
-  Respect for others

We will think about how we can all contribute to making our classroom and school a happy, kind and respectful place.





✝️ Religion & Worldviews – What Does It Mean to Belong to a Faith Community?

Our key question this half term is:

“What does it mean to belong to a faith community?”

We will explore how **Christians, Jews and Muslims** show that they belong to their faith communities.

The children will encounter a range of:

- Artefacts
- Places of worship
- Symbols
- Stories and traditions

We will also think about **where we belong** and the different communities that are important to each of us.

💻 Computing – IT for Good

How is technology being used to **help people and make our lives better?** 💡

We will begin by exploring how information technology is used in our homes and then discover how IT benefits society in places such as:

- 🏪 Shops
- 📖 Libraries
- 🏥 Hospitals

We will also talk about using technology **responsibly and safely**, and how to make smart choices when using it.

🏃 PE – Multi-Skills

Time to get active! 🏃♀️⚽🏐

In PE, we will be developing our **multi-skills**, working on a range of movement and sporting skills.

We will focus on developing coordination, balance, agility and teamwork while having lots of fun and learning how to work positively with others.



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✦ **What an exciting half term ahead!**

We can't wait to see the children **learning, exploring, creating and having fun together** as we begin our Year 2 journey.

Please remember that if you have any questions about your child's learning, you are always welcome to speak to us.

Here's to a fantastic half term in Class 2! ♥♥

"Encourage one another and build each other up." ✦

With best wishes,

Miss Ratcliffe, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Seymour



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