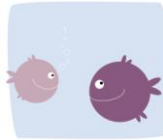


Year Two
Autumn Term One



The time has come for us to wave goodbye to the summer holidays and to say hello to the new school term! I hope that you all had a safe and happy break and that the children are all ready to embark on the adventure of life as a Fabulous Fish.

Attached is a copy of the timetable for the class for your reference. This will also be on the website should you need it.

Literacy

The children will be reading, listening to and retelling stories which take place in settings that are familiar to them. We will read well known stories such as those about The Large Family, the Tiger Who Came to Tea and some of the Percy the Park Keeper stories too. The children will use what they learn from sharing many different stories to create their own story in a familiar setting; this might be the park, the supermarket or even at home.

For the last two weeks of the term the children will look at poetry, specifically focussing on the use of puns, play on words, onomatopoeia and alliteration. They will create "Silly" Poems about their first term in Year Two.



Mathematics

These are the areas of learning for this first term, if you would like any further information feel free to come and see me or better still; come and join in with our learning!

Place value in 2- and 3- digit numbers

Partition into multiples of 10 and ones

Comparing, ordering, reading and writing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers

Use the < and > symbols

Tables for 2, 5 and 10

Counting on and back in steps of different sizes

Mental methods for addition and subtraction of 1- and 2- digit numbers

Solving problems and puzzles involving understanding of numbers and operations; explaining their methods and justifying decisions

Letters and Sounds

Initially we will be working on reading and spelling words which include the following diagraphs: ch, sh, th, ai, ee, oa, oo, ur and or. I will, of course, differentiate this learning so that all children are working at the level appropriate to them. Also during this time, we will practise letter formations.

R.E.

Covered in four parts from now until Christmas:

Homes and Families; God as a loving father and mother

Signs and Symbols; about the importance of symbols in the celebration of baptism

Visitors; that preparing to welcome a visitor shows love and care; Advent

Science

The children will be learning about electricity. They will consider the dangers which electricity can present, learn to make working electrical circuits and conduct investigations relating to conductors and insulators. They will also learn how to make different types of switches and will use these in their final projects.

ICT

During our bi-weekly I.C.T. lessons, the children will learn specific skills such as developing databases and editing word documents. They will also use digital cameras to record their work and share evaluations. I.C.T. is an integral part of life and so will be an integral part of the children's learning. There will be lots of exciting ICT based projects throughout the year that I'm sure your children will enjoy sharing with you.

Art

The children will be studying Michael Craig – Martin's artwork, predominately from the 1980's. We will learn a little about his life and we might have a go at creating some conceptual pieces based on his work 1970's.

Music

The children will have a weekly music lesson with Mrs. Michell and will be attending singing practice on a Thursday morning. During these times, the children play singing games, play untuned instruments and learn songs that can be used as part of worship. The children will be learning to play the Ocarina throughout the year. We will, of course, be bopping away to some ABBA classics during the run up to October half term.



P.E. and Games

P.E will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon, a Friday morning and on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child learns to be responsible for their belongings and that they have the correct kit in school all the time, this includes ensuring that they have no jewellery on P.E. days.

History

We will be learning about significant people in popular culture, Michael Craig – Martin, ABBA and we will also look briefly at the history of electricity specifically the key events and people which made electricity the necessity that it is for us today.

Homework

I will give homework out on a Friday and it should be completed to a good, neat standard (in pencil) by the following Wednesday. It will comprise of a variety of different tasks depending on the children's needs and reactions to the work we do in class. I will provide you all with a list of words which your child can practise spelling and reading during the course of the year. I am also going to send home a Times Table Challenge book – there is an explanation of how to use this inside the book. If for some reason homework is not sent home or doesn't make it home! - you can do more reading, spelling and times table practice with your children.

The key to success!

Miss Chalkley, Mrs. Clark, Miss Adgie and I will always do our utmost to ensure that the children are engaged and enjoying their learning. To enhance your child's potential please do your best to ensure the following:

- 1) That for the most part your child has the right amount of sleep; NHS recommends that children of Year Two age have between ten and eleven hours every night.
- 2) That they have a water bottle in school every day.
- 3) That you come to me to voice any little worries that you or your child has before they turn into big concerns.
- 4) Come into class and join in with our learning as often as you can.
- 5) A very experienced teacher and good friend of mine once said, "There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing." Please do your best ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and all the other items needed to keep warm as we skip merrily into autumn. I love working outside and so do children when they are dressed for it.

Year Two Timetable – Autumn Term

M	9:10am - 9:40am	9:40 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:45	11:40 - 12pm		1:15 – 3pm	3pm - 3.25pm
M	Guided Reading	Maths		Literacy (Grammar Lesson) And ICT	Phonics		Topic	Assembly
T	9:10am - 9:40am	9:40 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:45	11:40 - 12pm		1:20pm – 2:20pm	2:30pm - 3.25pm
T	Guided Reading	Literacy		Maths	Phonics		P.E.	RE
W	9:10am - 9:40am	9:40 - 10:30	Playtime	10:45 – 11:40pm	11:40 - 12pm	Lunchtime	1:20 - 2:30	2:30 - 3.25pm
W	Guided Reading	Literacy		R.E.	Phonics		Maths Clinic (10 Laptops from KS2 should be charged)	R – Time (PSHE)
Th	9:10am - 9:40am	9:40 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:45	11:40 - 12pm		1:30 - 2:45	2:45 - 3.25pm
Th	Guided Reading	Literacy		Maths	Phonics		Infant P.P.A. French – Music – P.E.	
F	9:10am - 9:40am	9:40 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:40	11:40 - 12pm		1:15 – 3pm	3pm - 3.25pm
F	Guided Reading	Literacy		PE	Phonics		PDR and story time.	Assembly

