



Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 2! This half term, our value is 'COMMUNITY'. In class and during Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are all part of a community, that each of us is unique but that at Nutfield Church Primary we can build one team by supporting and caring for each other. After half term our value will be 'PEACE'.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We are starting with the re-telling of well-known fairy tales. The children will use innovation to change the stories before finally inventing their own sequels. Our lessons will have a grammar focus because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats will be our topic in Science throughout Autumn term. We will begin by investigating the characteristics of being human, then identify the differences between living things, dead things and things that have never been alive. We will also list the characteristics that are essential for keeping us alive. After half term our focus will change to habitats. We will investigate a range of habitats and micro habitats which are both local to us and in different parts of the World. We will catalogue the different birds using the school grounds and decide how they are suited to this particular habitat. Finally, we will learn how draw simple food chains.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their book.

Maths

During the Autumn term in our Maths lessons we will focusing on the following areas:

- Number and place value: Partitioning numbers into tens and ones.
- Addition: Using an empty number line to add a one-digit number to a two-digit number.
- Subtraction: Using an empty number line to subtract a one-digit number to a two-digit number.
- Geometry: Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Multiplication: Counting forwards in twos, fives and tens to the 10th multiple.
- Measurement: Length / Time / Money
- Statistics: Data handling
- Division: Represent division as sharing, groups and arrays
- Fractions: Finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of familiar shapes or sets of objects.

PPA

On Friday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will be taught by Mr Smith and Mrs Lane. On alternate Wednesday mornings I also have management time, the children will again be taught by Mrs Lane.



P.E

On Monday afternoon the children will have **P.E** with Mr Smith.. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know.

Philosophy and PSHE

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions.

Expressive Arts

Expressive arts will be linked to our topic Arctic Adventures. We will be learning about colours and how they can make us feel, linking our ideas with the Arctic landscape. Children will learn about what the Aurora Borealis is and see images of the different colours and formations they make. We will then create lovely chalk pastel Aurora Borealis. We will also be making and testing model Inuit boats.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term we will be going on an Arctic Adventure. The first half term will have a geography focus. We will be exploring the Arctic, its climate, physical features, animals which live there and in the Arctic Circle. We also hope to build our own Inuit boats. The second half term we will have a history focus and learn about the Inuit way of life and find out about the famous Arctic explorer, Roald Amundsen.

R.E

In R.E lessons we will be looking at Judaism and asking: Why are they having a Jewish party? We will be identifying the key festivals for Jewish people. We will look at how they are celebrated and explore how they are similar to other festivals both in Judaism and in other faiths. After half term we will learn about the Ten Commandments and then consider the question: Where is the Light of Christmas?

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Autumn term. Mr Bowen and myself are both very much looking forward to working with your wonderful children!

Mrs Brooks and Mr Bowen
Year 2 class teachers

