

Plants



Year 2 : Summer Term 2

Class Shipley

Welcome back! I hope the children have had a restful break and are ready for their last half term in Year 2!

This half term, we have our class trip to Ponderosa to look forward to! Fingers crossed we are blessed with good weather. Further details regarding this trip will be sent out nearer the time.

Over the next few weeks, we will be learning all about plants and will be growing as many different plants as we can. Alongside this we will be reading the book 'The Secret Sky Garden'.

Year 2 will also be saying goodbye to Mr Daji, who has had a successful placement with us in Year 2 and will be moving on to the next part of his career on Thursday 20th June. We wish him lots of luck!

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us through class dojo or the school office.

Mrs Burke, Miss Beaumont, Mr Collier and Mr Daji

Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families.'

Every other Tuesday we walk to St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemin.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.



Dates to remember:

- 6.6.24 Storyteller Workshops
- 7.6.24 Rock Star Day
- 20.6.24 NSPCC Workshop
- 28.6.24 St Paul's Day
- 1.7.24 My Happy Mind Opening Morning
- 3.7.24 Transition Morning
- 3.7.24 Curriculum Opening Evening
- 9.7.24 Ponderosa Trip
- 12.7.24 Summer Fayre
- 17.7.24 Dogs Trust Workshop
- 22.7.24 Class Parties
- 23.7.24 Sports Day
- 23.7.24 School closes for Summer

Learning at home: Children will continue to bring home a reading book every Thursday. Please read as often as possible with your child. Spellings and optional homework will also continue to be sent home on Fridays.

P.E: Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure school uniform and shoes are worn the rest of the week.

Personal Development

PSHE: In PSHE we will be covering the relationships aspect of the curriculum. We will be following the statutory guidance to enable all children to be safe and to understand and develop healthy relationships both now and in their future lives.

My Happy Mind: Our topic for this half term is Engage. During this module the children will gain an Understanding of how to set meaningful goals that matter and how to keep resilient in times of challenge. This module is all about building self-esteem and resilience too.



P.E: Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year 2 focusing on athletics and cricket. The children will develop their balance and coordination as well as their hitting, catching and throwing skills.

Language and Communication

Speaking and listening: Speaking and listening will be encouraged through all areas of the curriculum, we will be discussing, questioning and reflecting in all lessons.



Reading: In English we will be sharing the lovely picture book, 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers which tells the story of a beautiful garden that a little girl grows on the top of a parking garage and how the garden affects others. The children will be exploring the pictures and using the illustrations and the clues in the text to write descriptions.

Writing: The children will be using our class text to write descriptions of places and characters. They will also be writing instructions about how to grow a garden.

Phonics and Spelling: This term we are continuing our work on spelling rules and will be focusing on why some words have the spelling 'ey' for the sound /ee/ and why some words end in -le, -al, -il or -el.

Our World

Religious Education: In RE this half term we will be exploring the question, 'Who is Jewish and how do Jews live?' We will be looking at how Judaism began, as well as exploring the main beliefs and where Jews worship. We will also learn about their special festivals Passover and Yom Kippur.



Geography: Our topic this half term asks the question, 'what is it like to live by the coast?'. The children will use an atlas to name and locate the seas and oceans surrounding the UK and will label them on a map of the UK. The children will learn what the coast is and be able to locate coasts in the UK, as well as name some human and physical features of the coast.

STEM

Science: In science our topic is plants. We will be examining different seeds and bulbs and comparing them before using them to grow different plants. We will explore how plants grow and what they need to grow healthy through various investigations.



Maths: We will begin our maths journey this half term with time! We will be revising telling the time to o'clock and half past as well as learning how to recognise quarter past and quarter to, before moving on to 5-minute intervals. This is a topic the children enjoy so please support them with this at home by asking if they can tell you what they have learned.

Computing: Our computing topic this half term is all about art and how we can use computers to recreate the art of famous artists like Seurat and Mondrian!



The Arts

Art: 'Life in Colour' is our final art unit and is based around using paint and mixed media. The children will develop colour mixing skills and learn about the work of artists Romare Bearden and Pete Cromer. They will use paints to create textured papers and will use these to compose collages inspired by their exploration of colour and texture in the world around them.



Music: In music this half term the children will learn to sing the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' and will also learn how to play it using tuned percussion. From this they will explore using notation for melodies and attempt to write a melody of their own.