

Africa!



Year 2 : Autumn Term 1



Dates to remember:

Tuesday 10th September 2024 - Trip to Shipley Glen

Monday 30th September 2024 - Flu vaccinations

Learning at home: Once the children have settled in we will send reading books and spellings home to practice. Reading books will go home on a Wednesday and need to be returned the following Wednesday. They do not need to bring them everyday. Spellings will go home on a Friday and they have to the following Friday to practice them.

P.E: PE will continue to be on **Mondays** and **Tuesday** so children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on these days. Please ensure that they wear the correct PE clothes and wear full school uniform and shoes for the rest of the week.

Class Shipley

Welcome back and welcome to Shipley class! I hope the children have had a lovely summer break and are ready to start their journey in Year 2!

We will start by learning all about Shipley, as this is the area of Bradford our class is named after. We will be going on a trip to Shipley Glen, which will include a ride on Shipley Glen Tramway, something Year Two always look forward to! We will also be learning all about the Bradford Boar and how it came to be on Bradford's coat of arms.

Following this, we will looking at the continent of Africa and in particular the country of Kenya through our work in English, Geography and Music.

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 and Mrs Malik

Personal Development

PSHE: We will start our PSHE topic of 'belonging' by reading the book 'Our Class as a Family'. Through this book, the children will be able to talk about the groups they belong to and how they can make others feel included. They will also celebrate the things that make them special.



My Happy Mind: In the first unit of My Happy Mind we concentrate on the brain and look at the different parts of the brain and how they work. We look at how the different parts help us and what we can do to make them work better!



P.E: This half term the children will be focusing on handball and basketball. During their PE sessions, they will improve their throwing and catching skills, including aiming and shooting into a net.

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 Thursday 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.

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, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway and John Daly which tells the story of a little girl from a little village in Kenya who sets out to save her village using the secret of rain. The children will be exploring the pictures and using the illustrations and the clues in the text to write descriptions.

Writing: Using our text the children will be writing setting descriptions of the village in Kenya and diary entries from the point of view of the main character.

Phonics and Spelling: In phonics we will be reviewing the phase 5 sounds they learned in Year 1. This is to ensure that they have a secure understanding of them

Our World

Religious Education: This half term we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is Like?' The children will learn the parable 'The Lost Son' and understand it teaches that God is loving and forgiving. They will also think about the different ways Christians try to live a life that pleases God.



Geography: Our topic this half term asks the question, 'would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'. The children will use an atlases to name and locate the continents and oceans in the world and will label them on a map. The children will learn what the equator is and be able to locate countries along the equator. We will also be closely at the country of Kenya and comparing it with the North Pole.

STEM

Science: The first science topic in Year Two is 'Everyday Materials'. The children will learn about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. They will then move on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and think about why certain materials are used for certain purposes.



Maths: We will start the half term by focusing on place value. Children will read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words and recognise the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number (tens and ones). They will identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including a number line. Children will compare and order numbers from 0-100, using symbols,. They will also count in steps of 2, 5 and 10, from any number forwards and backwards.

Computing: The children will begin the Autumn term learning about online safety including how to search safely online. They will be introduced to using emails as a communication tool through Purple Mash (a secure platform purchased by school).

DT: In design technology we will be focusing on food. We will be looking at the different food groups and what makes a healthy diet. Then we will do some taste testing to see which food combinations go together. The children will complete the unit by designing and making their own healthy wrap.



Music: Our music this half term will have an African theme. We will be exploring how we can represent different animals using sounds, and then explore different call and response songs using instruments and our voices. We will then use what we've learned to create our own call and response songs.

