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# Curriculum Newsletter – Year 2

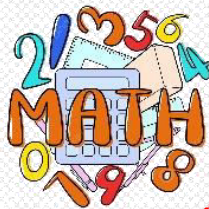
## Autumn 1

**Value of the term:  
Kindness**

Dear Families,  
We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

### Maths

In our maths lessons, we will be using tens stick and ones alongside place value grids and part whole models to partition numbers all the way to 100. We will then use all of our new knowledge to accurately add and take away using numbers to 100. We will begin to think about what happens if our adding and subtracting crosses the tens. We will count in tens forwards and backwards and starting from different numbers, count in twos and fives and begin to count in threes.



### English

#### Reading

In reading, we will be focussing on a wide selection of genres including fiction, non-fiction as well as poetry. We will be developing our fluency when reading as well as building up our phonics knowledge and using our decoding strategies to help us read tricky or unknown words. We will be reading for pleasure and will continue to build a love for reading!

#### Writing

In our writing, we will be using three texts to inspire us- The Storm Whale, The Big Book of Blue and The Snail and the Whale. We will be thinking carefully about the accuracy of our writing and making sure that we have capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in the correct places and that we use accurate letter formation. We will be checking that our capital letters are big and our lowercase letters are small. We will plan to write a story based on the storm whale, write a diary based on the Snail and the Whale, and a non-chronological report based on the Big Book of Blue. We will think about how we can make our writing more interesting using interesting adjectives, expanded noun phrases and a range of conjunctions.

### Science



In Science, we will be finding out what makes something alive and using this to help us classify whether objects are alive, once lived or have never been alive. We will be looking at some local habitats and microhabitats and discovering what types of plants and animals live there. We will be learning about how these plants and animals depend on each other for food and how this all fits together into a food chain. We will also be learning to use careful observational skills.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about healthy diets. We will start off by looking at different types of foods and what a healthy diet looks like. We will explore people that help us make choices about the foods we eat. We will look at the benefits that exercise has on the body and how important rest and sleep are. We will learn about the different roles of people that help us to keep healthy. Children will learn how basic hygiene routines can help us stop the spread of disease.





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In PE we will be learning target games with coach Danny. We will be learning how to throw overarm and underarm and considering how much power we use. We will be developing striking skills and learning how to hit a stationary and a moving target. We will be trying to improve our own personal bests. We will also learn about the fundamental skills needed for PE. We will learn how to run effectively, how to balance by focusing on something ahead of us and how to jump and land safely.

### Geography



In Geography, we will be learning all about the continents and the oceans, using songs to help us remember the names. We will learn about the different environments (biomes) around the world. We will investigate the different physical and human features of the different environments.

### Art

This term we will be developing our drawing skills. First we will be exploring mark making and will learn about the different properties of drawing pencils. We will also learn about some different drawing techniques we can use to create tone when drawing, including hatching, cross-hatching and stippling. We will explore the work of some significant artists that use tone within their drawings and also apply all that we have learnt to make our own tonal drawings. We will share our work with our peers and discuss what we like about our artwork.



### Computing

In Computing, we will learn about what IT is and where it can be found. We will find out how different IT works with each other. We will think about how much we use IT every day and what it would be like if there was no IT. In our online safety sessions, we will learn about keeping safe when we use a computer, the importance of keeping our passwords secret and not sharing our personal information when using the computer.



### RE

In RE this term we will be exploring what it means to be kind. We will be thinking about times when we have been kind, and when others have been kind to us. We will also think about times when it is hard to be kind. We will learn how Jesus taught Christians it is important to be kind and learn some of the stories he told. We will learn how God wants Christians to be kind to everyone and think of some ways that we can be kind. We will consider the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'

