



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023 - Year 2

Mrs Luscombe, Mrs Wilkes and Miss Jackson

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Luscombe directly, in the first instance.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'A passport to Jamaica.' Our first half term will focus on the history of nursing, in particular the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will use this as a stimulus for our writing and history learning.



We will also be learning about habitats in our science lessons; learning about the plants and animals who live there and how they are suited to their environments.

The second half of the term will focus on Jamaica in our Geography and writing lessons. This will also include designing and making a Caribbean Fruit salad in Design Technology. We will also be comparing UK and Jamaica in our computing lessons.



Maths

Over the Autumn term, we will begin to cover the Year 2 maths curriculum, as well as securing the children's learning from Year 1. Children will start with a focus on number, leading into addition and subtraction methods. We will be using a range of different resources and pictures to enable the children to develop their number skills.

Children will continue to complete Club sheets in maths lessons and will have a weekly arithmetic lesson. Both tests focus on number bonds to 10 and 20. Children in Year 2 will also be learning the 10x, 2x, 5x and 3x tables and continued practise at home would help secure these facts.

English

This half term, we will begin by exploring the Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson. We will be describing the characters in the story and developing our reading skills.

Later in the term, we will explore other genres such as non-chronological reports and letters about Jamaica. We will also be introducing the children to the wonderful world of George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.



RE

In the first half term we will be focussing on the big question 'Who made the world?' by exploring creation and how the creation story fits into the big picture.

This will lead on to the second half term 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will reflect on the birth of Jesus and the significance of Christmas. We will have lots of fun making Christmas cards and singing hymns and carols.

PSHEe

Our PSHEe topics for this term will be Back to School, Getting on with everyone and Dealing with feelings. We will be celebrating World Mental Health day and learning how we can improve our mental health.

Further Information

Our topic day will be a 'Jamaica' themed day. The children can come to school dressed in the colours of the Jamaican flag—black, green and yellow. We will be celebrating all things Caribbean! More details to follow after half term.

PE

In the Autumn Term, Year 2 will be exploring multi-skills such as: running, jumping, skipping, hitting and kicking. They will also be developing skills in decision making and improving their awareness of others during games and activities.

Year 2 will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure children have PE kits in school for both lessons. Children may wear black pumps or comfortable trainers. Please can your remove any earrings on these days.

Diary Dates

22.09.23 Wildside Activity Centre trip

13.10.23 Y2 Forest School

29.09.23 - St Michael's Day Service

29.09.23 - Book Fair arrives in school

04.10.23 - Parents' Evening 5 - 8pm

05.10.23 - Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

09.10.23 - School Photographs

20.10.23 - Harvest Festival

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