

## Phonics and English

**Phonics** – We will continue to work in small groups in our phonics sessions, learning to read and spell three new sounds a week. In our groups we will read books matched to our reading ability and also complete writing activities based on our reading.

**English** – The children who have completed the phonics program are focussing on their writing skills including spellings.

**Guided reading** – We continue to enjoy our group reading sessions. We are working on predicting what might happen next, being able to find answers in the text as well as thinking about why characters might behave in certain ways.

## Year 2 – Autumn 2



## Maths

**Addition and Subtraction** – We are recapping addition and subtracting from Year 1, and extending it to work with numbers to 100. We are using our knowledge of bonds to 10 to help us with bonds to 100. We are working on adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

**Shape** - We are looking at vertical lines of symmetry. We will then be looking closely at 3D shape to be describe them.

## Science

**Animals including Humans** – We are starting the half term learning about germs and how they can be transferred. We will look at the importance of hand washing and we will be conducting disgusting experiments.

**Materials** – we will be identifying uses of materials, comparing the suitability of materials and looking at how materials may change shape.

## At Home

Thank you for your support from home, the children have settled really well into our Year 2 routine. Please continue to read regularly at home to help improve fluency and comprehension. If your child is reading Read Write Inc. books, please practise any vocabulary checks in the front of the book and use the Q and A section at the back. Our Maths work takes quite a jump from Year 1 and regular practise of basic skills is important. Don't forget to make any maths learning fun by using games, one of my favourite free websites for maths games is Topmarks. Please let me know if I can help with anything.

## PE

**Team Building** - In this unit we will develop our teamwork skills of communication and problem solving. We will learn to discuss, plan and reflect on ideas and strategies. We will learn about the importance of honesty and fair play.

## Computers

**E Safety and Digital literacy** – We will use Safer Internet to understand how to be safe online and who to report concerns to. We will be learning the SMART rules to keep us safe online.

## Geography

**Our Place in the World** – Where are we in the world? Starting with Google Earth, we will explore the world before focusing into the UK, then the North east Region and then more closely at Newcastle. We will learn to name and locate the world's continents and oceans. On our field trip we will identify human and physical features in Newcastle, before finishing the day with a Geography/Art session based on local landscapes at Laing Art Gallery.

## Important dates/ information

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** Year 2 Class Assembly

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** Geography field trip to Newcastle and Laing Art Gallery – Please contact the office if you are able to help out with the trip.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Yr 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance

## RE

**Baptism** – We are continuing our work on belonging and we will learn about signs and symbols used in Baptism.

**Judaism** – In our topic of other faiths we will learn about Shabbat.

**Advent and Christmas: Loving** – We will start the topic by exploring how we prepare for special times. We will think about the importance of advent and how it is a special time to prepare for Christmas, when Jesus comes as God's loving gift.

## DT

**Textiles** – We will have a festive theme for our DT topic. We will be practising the skills of cutting, shaping and joining fabric. Once we have mastered those we will design and produce a special decoration out of felt.

## Music

**How does music help us to make friends?** – This unit will focus on simple patterns in music, through the social theme of friendship. We will enjoy listening to, singing, finding the beat in friendship inspired music.

## PHSE/RSE