

CLASS 2

Autumn Term Newsletter – 2024

WELCOME !

Welcome back, or welcome to, Class 2!

Summer holidays are now over and it has been wonderful to hear all about them from pupils with bright, eager smiles!

In Class 2, you will find the Class teacher Miss Yeomans, as well as Mrs Parris, who are delighted to start the Autumn term. This newsletter will enclose what we are learning this term, and we cannot wait to start our fun and memorable learning journeys as a class.

Should you need to make an appointment with Miss Yeomans, ask directly during home time pick-up or, alternatively, contact the office.

ADULTS IN CLASS

Miss Yeomans

Mrs Parris

Mrs Hunt – Interventions and ELSA

ENGLISH FOCUS

This term, the first book we are focusing on is 'Leon and The Place Between'. After, we will create a version of the narrative 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' with a twist on the traditional tale and then create a historical narrative based on 'The First Drawing'.

Roll up! Roll up! and dare to step into the Place Between...



In class 2, children are exploring the magic of 'Leon and the Place Between' and are becoming ringmasters in creating their own fantasy story inspired from the book.

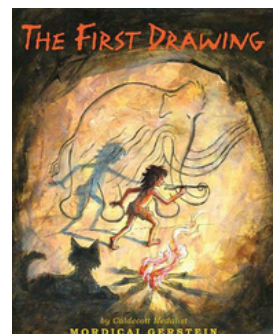
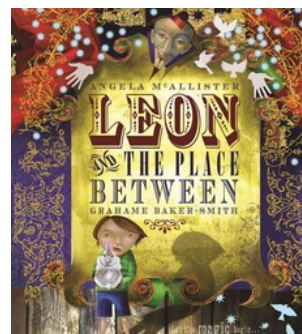
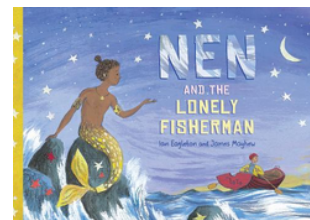
HOMEWORK

AT BARLOW PRIMARY, HOMEWORK WILL BE MONITORED TO ENSURE CHILDREN ARE COMPLETING THEIR HOMEWORK.

- Weekly homework sheets handed out on Friday, to be returned before or on Thursday. This will occasionally be curriculum focused homework, i.e. History.
- Daily reading (recorded in reading records).
- Bug Club and TTRS log ins (additional).

KEY DATES

- HARVEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 23RD AT 9.10AM (PARENTS NOT INVITED) – FOOD BANK DONATIONS.
- CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY – MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH.
- KSI NATIVITY – DECEMBER 11TH PM, 12TH – PM AND EVENING.
- OPEN CLASSROOM – THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER FROM 3PM-4PM (PARENTS INVITED).
- PARENTS MEETINGS – MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER.



MATHS

To begin the Autumn term, we will start with Place Value. Place Value describes the position of a digit in a number. All years will be hands on using counters, dienes and place value mats to investigate the positions of ones, tens and hundreds, with KS2 delving into thousands as well.

Our next topic will be addition and subtraction. Year 2 will build on their knowledge from Year 1, whilst Year 3 and Year 4 will explore the column method and working with exchanges.

Finally, we will move onto multiplication and division, which will lead into our Spring term.



COMPUTING

In computing this term, Year 2 will use Purple Mash to explore Online Safety, effective searching, spreadsheets and making music.

Year 3 and year 4 will scaffold their computing skills from previous years and develop their knowledge on Online Safety, touch typing, spreadsheets and simulations.

MUSIC

We will start off music by learning a traditional pentatonic song called 'I've Been to Harlem', which was originally sang in Virginia as a drinking cups game song at harvest suppers.

Then, we will move onto a laid-back, clap-rap. This offers physical and creative activities that will help develop our understanding of beat and rhythm.

HISTORY

At the beginning of the Autumn term, Class 2 will put their historian hats on and explore the wonders of Ancient Egypt. After, we will travel from Egypt to Britain, and investigate what life was like in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

We will examine how the Egyptians and Pharaohs lived, the construction of The Pyramids of Giza and understand historical timelines.



Year 2's learning will specially focus on the significant people of Ancient Egypt and the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.



SCIENCE

This term in science, Year 2 will be building their knowledge on 'Materials' from Year 1. We will explain what different materials are, and the properties and uses of these materials in everyday life.

Year 3 and Year 4 will begin by investigating electricity. We will then explore forces and magnets. We will revise electrical safety and conduct experiments where we complete basic circuits.

JIGSAW

Jigsaw is PSHE, which stands for personal, social and health education. All years will learn 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'. Jigsaw is taught in Key Stages, so that learning is age-appropriate.

RE

In RE, Year 2 will explore the key questions: 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' and 'What do Christians believe God looked like?'. Year 3 and Year 4 will investigate the key questions: 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' and 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'.

Collective worship assemblies happen every morning at 9:10am.



FRENCH

Bonjour, Year 3 and Year 4! We begin our French learning on the introductory topic, 'I Am Learning' where children will practise using basic French greetings and sayings. After, we will explore 'Animals'.

During this time, Year 2 will partake in additional guided reading and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) practise.

PE



Our first PE unit focuses on mindfulness, health and well-being related exercises. Class 2 will then ruffle up their coordination and aim skills by moving onto netball. Our PE lessons will be led by Mr Chapman.

PE SESSIONS TAKE PLACE ON **THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**. PLEASE CAN CHILDREN ARRIVE IN THEIR PE KITS.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

This term, our Christian value is endurance. Through collective worships and other class discussions, children will explore the definition of endurance and discuss examples of endurance.