

Jays Class Newsletter

Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It has been a pleasure to meet the children and welcome them back to school this week. Whilst there will inevitably be a period of settling into routines, we are working hard to get back to 'normal' (as much as possible) whilst ensuring appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures are adhered to.

I will be teaching Year 2 Monday to Thursday and Mrs Travis will be teaching on Fridays.

We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you, to ensure that your child reaches their full social and academic potential.

This newsletter includes some key information about our curriculum for the Autumn term. If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's diary or request a telephone call back via the school office. Thank you.

Mrs Clarke.

English

Reading

We will develop our reading skills in daily phonics lessons and comprehension of what we read through whole class 'Book Talk' sessions.

Writing

There will be a big push on handwriting, spelling and securing basic skills. We will apply these skills to writing our own version of the story 'The Crow's Tale' by Naomi Howarth.

Science

In Autumn 1, we will investigate what plants need to grow and be healthy. In Autumn 2, we will explore whether this is the same or different for animals, including human!

Computing

Our initial focus in Autumn 1 is to ensure that children understand how to stay safe using the internet. In Autumn 2, we will begin to learn some basic coding skills.

Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform, including PE kit, is clearly labelled so that any mislaid items can be returned.

Water

Children are allowed to access water during the school day. Please supply a **named** water bottle.

Snack

Children may bring a healthy snack from home to eat at playtime.

Maths

We will secure our understanding of number and place value before moving on to explore strategies for addition and subtraction, including mental arithmetic.

DT

In Autumn 1, we will spend a week of afternoon sessions, researching, designing, building and evaluating bridges and how they are made to be stable structures.

Art

In Autumn 2, we will research the work of the artist Piet Mondrian and create our own artwork inspired by his use of lines, shape and colour.

Homework

Reading

Please make sure you listen to your child read **at least** three times per week and record this in their diary.

As we are currently unable to listen to children read individually, the opportunity to read at home is invaluable and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Reading records will be monitored and reading books will be changed each **Wednesday**. Reading turns will be recorded towards our reading awards.

English/Maths

Homework will be sent on Fridays and must be returned by the following Tuesday.

Children will be set one piece of homework for English or Maths each week. Homework activities will vary and will relate to work completed in class in order to practice and consolidate skills.

Spellings

A list of high frequency word spellings will be sent home on Mondays and should be practised for a class test on Friday.

RE

Alongside daily class worship, we will be learning about the structure of the Bible and why it is so special to Christians. We will also make links to the Holy books of other world faiths.

Topic

Geography

In Autumn 1, we will investigate the continents and oceans of the world and where famous physical (natural) and human (man-made) features can be found.

History

In Autumn 2, we will research famous women and discover how their lives have significantly changed the world.

PSHE

Autumn term will provide children with the opportunity to reflect upon who they are as individuals and to celebrate diversity within our school and the wider community.

PE

Children will usually have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Weather permitting lessons will take place outdoors and will be adapted as necessary so equipment used is COVID secure. Our focus for Autumn 1 will be invasion games, moving on to gymnastics in Autumn 2.

PE kits, including pumps, should be brought into school and left on the children's pegs.