

Class 2

Spring Term Newsletter 2

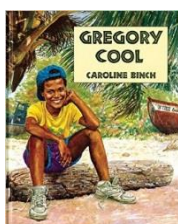
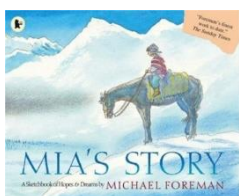
Hello Parents and Carers!
I hope that you all had a lovely and restful break.

This half term our theme throughout the school is 'In Somebody Else's Shoes'. We will be trying hard to put ourselves into the position of others and to see things from their points of view, particularly other children from all around the world.



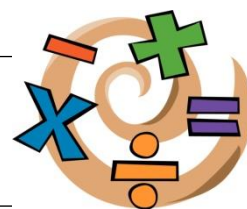
English:

Books from around the world will be used this half term to stimulate writing. We shall be learning when to use capital letters as well as revising the use of full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks. We'll use conjunctions to make our sentences longer and will work hard to include expanded noun phrases in our writing. Throughout the term we will investigate adding the -ly suffix and to spell homophones and contractions correctly. We'll also be learning to proof-read and edit our work once we have finished writing.



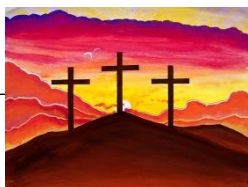
Maths:

We will begin by measuring height and length accurately using rulers and metre sticks and use this skill to compare lengths. Year 1s will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and Year 2s will practise multiplying numbers by 2, 5 and 10. We shall look at dividing numbers by sharing and grouping and look at the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Year 1s will be looking at number bonds within 20, investigating different methods for adding and subtracting. Year 2s will learn how to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. Throughout the term, we shall complete a range of problem solving and word problem activities.



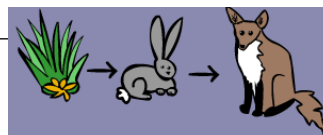
R.E:

Our topic is 'Christian Festivals: Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost: Why do they matter?' This question will be considered throughout the half term. We shall be discussing how and why Easter and spring is a time for new life. We will identify signs of new life and will become familiar with the Easter story. We will suggest the feelings associated with the story and towards the end of term, investigate how different countries celebrate Easter.



Science:

This half term we shall be learning the difference between 'prey' and 'predator' and will look at how different animals protect themselves. We shall research what different animals eat and decide whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. We will create our own food chains, considering the importance of each living thing within the food chain. Towards the end of term, we will find out what snails eat and make them a menu!





History:

We will be finding out who Mary Seacole was and the reasons why she is famous today. We shall create a timeline of her life, looking at the different places around the world she visited. The children will compare hospitals today with those of 1805, looking at and trying some of the old remedies they used to use. Towards the end of term, the children will compare Jamaica today with Jamaica in 1805.

P.E:

We will be finishing off our gymnastics unit with the gym coach, looking at and learning how to use the different equipment in the hall safely. Children will learn some different techniques for invasion games and will practise their throwing and catching skills. Throughout the term, the children will be developing their team work skills.



Design and Technology and Computing (with Mrs Weale):

The children will be trying and evaluating breads from around the world before designing and creating their own naan bread, developing their cooking skills. They'll then evaluate their recipe and finished product. In computing, word processing skills will be developed as they type up their recipe and create an advertising poster.



Music:

We will be listening to different songs from around the world, offering our own opinions. We will also use our voices and instruments to accompany a travelling song.

Timetable

Monday – Handwriting books due in

Wednesday – KIRF test

- Handwriting books given out

Thursday – Mrs Weale teaching (pm)

Friday – Spelling tests



Other information:

Handwriting homework for Year 1s started this week. Books for both Y1 and 2 will be given out on a Wednesday and are due back the following Monday.

We will not be having **show and tell** this half term. However, if you have a book for us to read, certificates/awards or something which links with what we are learning then they are welcome.

Children may bring in **one pocket size toy** each day for playtime if they wish to.



If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them.

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