

Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome to Spring Term in Class 2. I am very excited to welcome you back to another fun-filled and busy term ahead!

We are sure that your children are excited to start another term where they can gain many more opportunities to grow and learn. This term, we have lots of exciting learning experiences to look forward to. We will hopefully be taking part in a visit, related to our topic of Machines and Journeys. We also have our class mass and assembly coming up. After half term, we are looking forward to a visit by the author and illustrator Liz Million.



Our class topic this term is Machines and Journeys.

In **History**, we will be focusing on what makes places special. This will involve learning about important places in our local area which were built before we were born, where these places are and why they are important.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about journeys around the world (Equator, North & South Poles.) We will also be focusing on locational knowledge identifying the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world.

In **Maths**, we will be looking at addition and subtraction using partitioning and sequencing. We will be finding fractions of quantities, shapes and sets of objects. We will also be solving problems by gathering data and representing in tallies, tables, pictograms and block diagrams. Our multiplication and division lessons will involve using times table facts.

In **R.E**, lessons children will be finding out about the books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family. As we journey towards Lent, we will begin by learning about the importance of giving thanks.

In **Science**, we will be exploring Everyday Materials. These lessons will look at distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made. We will be identifying and describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will also be comparing and grouping together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

Plants lessons will involve observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also be describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay



Please don't hesitate to speak to me at start or end of the end of the school day if you have any queries or concerns.

Many Thanks,
Miss Macdonald

Our **Art** focus will be printing - linked to exploration of native pattern. We will also be focusing on drawing - texture and line.

Design Technology will focus on mechanisms by making a robot with moving parts.

In **Computing** we will learn that algorithms are implemented as programs on digital devices. We will drive a beebot around a map the UK and round a map of the world. We will also be learning how to keep safe online

Support at home

Please support your child's learning by continuing to listen to them read for at least 10 minutes every night and completing their Reading Records regularly. Reading books will be changed regularly. Please encourage your child to access Bug Club online too and to complete the comprehension questions by clicking on the bugs on selected pages. Children also have the opportunity to take home free choice books, which we would encourage you to share together.

P.E. takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. As this subject is an essential part of our curriculum, please ensure that full P.E. kits are available in school at all times: there may be occasions when the day is changed. Our topics this term are dance and tennis. In addition to this we will be attending a football festival and a dance festival this term.

Class Webpage

You will find lots of lovely pictures and information being added to the class blog on a regular basis. Please visit our blog to find out about the wonderful learning happening in Class 2.

<http://www.st-josephsrc-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/class-2/class-2-blog/>



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