

The World Around Us



Year 2: Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Class Shipley! We are so excited to have you all back in school, ready for your next step of your learning journey at St. Paul's.

We will be starting Year Two with the topic of 'The World Around Us'. We will start by learning all about Shipley, as this is the area of Bradford our class is named after. We will be going on a trip to Shipley Glen, which will include a ride on Shipley Glen Tramway, something Year Two always look forward to!

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through ClassDojo or the school office.

Year Two Staff:

Mrs Burke, Miss Beaumont and Mrs Wilson

Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families.'

Every Tuesday we walk to St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemin.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.



Dates to remember:

Monday 4th September: School opens

Tuesday 19th September: Trip to Shipley

Friday 22nd September: Non-uniform day for Harvest donations.

Tuesday 17th October: Class Shipley Showcase

Friday 20th October: MacMillan 'Open Morning' and our first Rainbow Day of the year

Friday 20th October: School closes

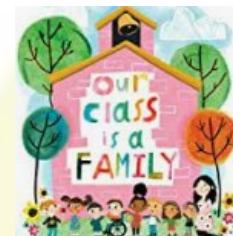
Learning at home: The children will be given a reading book to match the level they are on. They need to read aloud to an adult at least five times a week. Reading at home will be rewarded with raffle tickets that will be entered into a draw!

P.E: Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Monday and Tuesday**.

Personal Development

PSHE

We will start our PSHE topic of 'belonging' by reading the book 'Our Class as a Family'. Through this book, the children will be able to talk about the groups they belong to and how they can make others feel included. They will also celebrate the things that make them special.



P.E

Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year Two. This half term the children will be focusing on handball and basketball. During their PE sessions, they will improve their throwing and catching skills, including aiming and shooting into a net.

Our World

Religious Education: This half term we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is Like?' The children will learn the parable 'The Lost Son' and understand it teaches that God is loving and forgiving. They will also think about the different ways Christians try to live a life that pleases God.



Geography: The first geography topic in Year Two is 'Our Wonderful World'. Using maps and atlases, the children will be able to name, locate and identify characteristics of the seven continents and oceans. The children will identify hot and cold locations in the world and start to use basic vocabulary to refer to some of the physical and human features of these areas. This topic will also give the children an appreciation of the world by introducing natural, man-made, ancient and modern wonders.

STEM

Science: The first science topic in Year Two is 'Everyday Materials'. The children will learn about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. They will then move on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

Computing: The children will begin the Autumn term learning about online safety including how to search safely online. They will be introduced to using emails as a communication tool through Purple Mash (a secure platform purchased by school).

Maths: We will start the half term by focusing on place value. Children will read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words and recognise the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number (tens and ones). They will identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including a number line. Children will compare and order numbers from 0-100, using symbols. They will also count in steps of 2, 5 and 10, from any number forwards and backwards.

Design Technology: We will be looking at mechanical systems and mechanisms. We will be learning about axles and wheels and designing and making a moving vehicle.

Language and Communication

Speaking and listening: Throughout the curriculum, speaking will be encouraged through phonics, role play, drama, sharing news with the class and explaining answers in more detail.

Reading: In Year Two, the children will take part in both group reading sessions and individual reading sessions. During group sessions, the children will be making predictions, exploring vocabulary and answer comprehension questions on our chosen books, 'The Truth about my Unbelievable Summer' and 'Lilah and the Secret of Rain'.



Writing: Our focused text this half term is 'Lilah and the Secret of Rain'. The children will be writing setting descriptions and diary entries from the point of view of the main character. Within their writing, children will be taught how to include a range of verbs.

Spelling: Year Two children are expected to continue to use and practice spelling the Year One/Two common exception words. During spelling sessions, children will be taught different spelling rules including the /s/ sound spelled c before e, i and y, and the /n/ sound spelled kn and gn at the beginning of words.

Phonics: We follow the Little Wandle phonics program in school. The children start the year by revising the taught sounds from Year One, focusing on recapping split digraphs.

The Arts

Music: In music we will be listening to different songs that have an African style to link to our class text 'Lilah and the Secret of Rain'. We will be learning and performing the song 'Hands, Feet, Heart'.

