**Literacy**

The first half term we will be continuing our learning of Traditional tales and looking at alternative texts. This unit will involve reading Jack and the beanstalk along with Jim and the Bean stalk. We will also look at Cinderella and Prince Cinders. The class will look at retelling the stories and developing our story writing. During the second half-term, children will move onto the theme of seasons and nature. In this topic we will look at ‘Stick man’ and ‘Stanley’s Stick’. Writing topics covered whilst studying these texts will include letter writing, diary entries, descriptions, non-chronological reports and short narratives. Children will continue using phonics for decoding and encoding and will focus on handwriting and using punctuation accurately.

**Maths**

The children will look at number, place value, addition and subtraction. The children will need to be able to complete number lines to 20 looking at moving forwards and backwards in Year 2 this will progress to partitioning numbers to 100. They will then move onto addition and subtraction including crossing and not crossing the ten. We will identify and describe the 2D and 3D shapes and look at naming and ordering days of the week and months of the year. A big focus on ‘number sense and fluency’ will continue throughout the year.

**Science**

We start the year looking at materials, where the children will identify and name a variety of materials that objects from our traditional tales are made from and will explore and describe each materials properties. In the second unit, ‘Weather and Seasons’ whereby the children will be looking at seasons and how the weather changes. We will be measuring rainful and observing the weather in the UK and comparing it to other parts of the world.

**PE**

Throughout the first half term, the children will be participating in basket ball and gymnastics for the first half of term and then moving onto dance and netball after half term. the second half term. We need PE kits in school so we can get changed.

**Class 2 2024-2025**

**Welcome to the Autumn Term!**

**RE**

The children will begin RE this year by exploring the question ‘Why is it important for Christians to be part of the church?’ They will learn about, and discuss, baptism and visit our local church to see the different areas. We will be discussing other places where we feel we belong and how we can welcome everyone.

**PSHE**

The children will cover two topics in PSHE this term. The first topic, ‘Being me in my world’, will allow the children to explore school as a safe place and help them to feel positive about themselves. The second topic explores and celebrates difference and being unique, as well as comparing similarities between ourselves.

**Art/DT**

In Art children will be exploring African art linking to our Geography topic. They will observe patterns and create African inspired masks. In DT, the children will be creating Decorations in the second half of term.

**History**

In the second half of term the children will be looking at the ‘Gunpowder Plot’ there will be the chance to think about why Guy Fawks came to his decision and how the event unfolded. There will be chances for role play and retelling along with letter writing to the King.

**Geography**

During the unit ‘Going on Safari’ the children will be learning about Africa including the different countries, animals and weather that can be found. They will learn different facts about Africa and use a number of resources to research their own ideas.

 **Music/French**

Music will continue to be taught by our specialist music teacher Mr Rapson This term we will be developing body coordination and fine motor skills and singing with accurate pitch. Using tuned and untuned percussion, we will explore high sounds, low sounds and loud and quiet sounds. We will introduce simple Solfege and begin to read and write simple rhythms. French is taught by Mrs Meola and this term the class will review and build on the language that they have learnt so far around greetings, colours, numbers and days/months/seasons, introducing birthdays and special occasions.

**Computing**

Using our programme of Just 2 Easy the children will be creating digital pictures. They have the codes for this programme in their reading records.

**Home Learning tasks**

Home learning will include securing number fluency on Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars. It will also be important to read at home - every day, even if only for ten minutes. Weekly spelling tests based the phonic sounds we are learning along with the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words will be introduced so practice of these words at home will also be requested. These spellings will go on Google Classroom on a Friday.