



ROCKLIFFE MANOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 2 Class Information: Autumn 1

Teachers: Miss White

TA: Miss Roof & Miss White

School value:

Our school value for this half term is **Kindness**. This value will be explored through assemblies, circle time sessions and throughout our daily routines.

Welcome back everyone!

We can't believe it is the start of our first term together, we hope you have had a restful summer holiday and are looking forward to sharing a wonderful year together. The first term of Autumn will be the beginning of many memories throughout the year and the children have settled into Year 2 brilliantly.

If you wish to speak to me please do write a message in your child's contact book or please book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email. My email address is: lwhite@inspirerockcliffe.co.uk

Year 2's learning this half term:

English: This half term, our core text is 'Izzy Gizmo' by Pip Jones. This book is about a little girl who loves fixing things that are broken. Izabelle Gizmo just loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to which makes her really CROSS! When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help. But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again? The children will be exploring the character of Izzy by looking at her character traits and how she shows them in the book. The final outcome will be a non-fiction pieces of writing; a guide on how to be an inventor.



Maths: Maths lessons this half term will focus on developing our understanding of place value of numbers to 100, as well as adding and subtracting 2 two-digit numbers in a variety of ways. The children will also be using a range of apparatus to support their learning.

Science: We will begin to learn about 'Living things and their habitats'. How does a habitat provide an animals basic need? How are animals and plants are suited to their habitat? These are all questions we will explore in this exciting topic to improve our understanding. In addition, we will be focussing on our working scientifically skills and be carrying out an investigation linked to observations of micro-habitats.

History: This half term, the children will continue to develop their key knowledge linked to significant events that happened during the suffragist movement. They will explore significant historical events and reflect on the impact they have had on women's rights.

Art: This half term, the children will be developing their skills linked to sketching, designing and creating a sculpture using recyclable materials and paper Mache. As part of the art learning journey, the children will be exploring the work of Robert Hudson who is a sculptor. The children will create a sculpture of a bird. The outcome that the children will create is linked to our core text, 'Izzy Gizmo.'



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RE: Year 2 are learning about celebrations around the world and different celebrations in different cultures and religions. The children will be comparing different festivities and their significance. Through stories, role play and hands-on experiences, they will consider: 'Why it is important to keep traditions/customs alive' and 'How do celebrations bring us together as a community'.

PE: The children will be playing a range of team building games in every PE lesson. The topic this half term is using their bodies to explore balance, physical agility and using apparatus safely within a routine.

RSE: This half term, the children will be learning to build strong, positive relationships, evaluating strategies for positive play as well as resolving conflicts and supporting others. This learning will be facilitated through exploring different stories and scenarios.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure children bring their PE kits in at the start of every term. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Contact books: Please ensure children bring in their contact books daily so that we will be able to read any messages you have written for us. Please continue to write any books your child reads to you in the contact book.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Times Tables: At the beginning of Year 2 we will be looking to consolidate the children's knowledge of their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, it would be really beneficial for your children to be practising these at home.

Reading

We will do guided reading **every day**. The children will work in groups, reading books at the right level for them. Each group will read once a week with the class teacher. We try to make sure it is on the same day each week but things can change.

The children will change their home reading books on a given day, this day will be written in their contact book. Children will choose a banded book to practise reading at their current level as well as a book of free choice to enjoy at home.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

Dates for the Diary:

Meet the teacher: Thursday 15th September - 3:30pm