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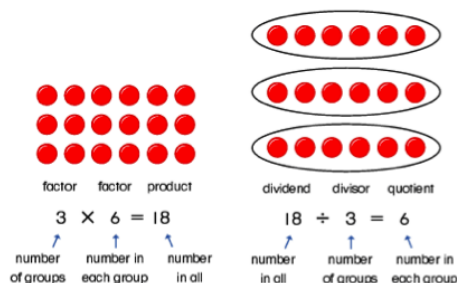
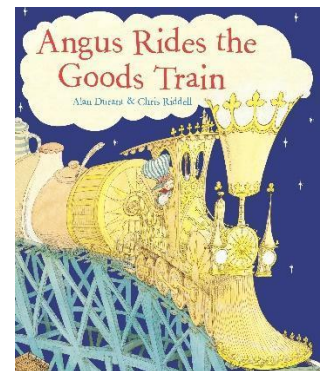
Our school value for this half term is **EFFORT**. This value will be explored through assemblies, circle time sessions and throughout our daily routines.

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you have had a lovely break and are looking forward to sharing more wonderful experiences together. 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

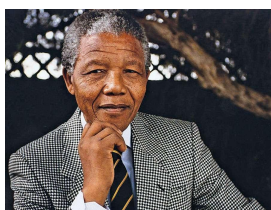
Year 2's learning this half term:

English: Our core text for this half term is, 'Angus Rides the Goods Train' by Alan Durant and Chris Riddell. In his dreams, Angus climbs aboard a train loaded up with milk, honey, rice and water and travels the world where he sees widespread hunger, starvation and poverty. The train driver will not stop and share the goods as he is taking them, as instructed, to the king and his courtiers for their breakfast. Angry Angus calls a halt and distributes the food to those who need it declaring, when he wakes, that someday he will drive the goods train. In this learning journey, the children will explore key themes, vocabulary and phrases to develop and enrich their understanding of narratives.



Maths: This half term the children will be learning about money which involves identifying the value of coins and notes as well as making different amounts using a combination of coins or notes. The children will also be learning about multiplication and division. They will be taught to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table. As well as developing fluency, the children will be using their reasoning skills to justify their thoughts and apply their knowledge to solve problems.

Science: Our science topic this half term is Animals, Including Humans. The children will be learning about the life cycles of animals including humans and they will be planning and carrying out investigations in order to draw conclusions on how exercise affects the human body. In addition, this is a great topic because the children will be learning about different food groups and what constitutes a healthy diet.



History: In history, we will be learning about the former South African president **Nelson Mandela**. The children will become historians by exploring primary and secondary in order to research this significant figure who has made enormous contributions nationally and internationally. Our global theme is Power and



Peace and the children will learn how Nelson Mandela peacefully fought for equality.

Art: This half term, the children will be developing their observational drawing, sketching, collaging and printing skills. As part of the art learning journey, the children will be exploring the work of Rachel Moore and use her art form to draw inspiration for their own art piece.

RE: Year 2 are learning about the religion of Hinduism. Through stories, role-play and hands-on experiences, the children will learn about key beliefs of Hinduism and they will reflect on what they learn from this religion.

PE: The children will be playing a range of team building games in every PE lesson. The topic this half term is multi skills which involves children learning how to dribble and pass a ball to others while having an awareness of their surroundings.

RSE: This half term, in RSE the children will be learning about 'Living in the Wider World.' This includes identifying the different groups that they belong to and how they show the character skill of relationship within interactions with others. In addition, the children will be learning about rights and responsibilities and how they demonstrate these in their daily lives.

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.



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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 be given a banded book to practise reading at their current level as well as a book of free choice to enjoy at home from our reading corner.

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.

Year 2 Class Information: Spring 1

Teachers: Miss White

TA: Miss MacKinnon, Miss White