

## Newdigate Infant C of E school curriculum information for parents - Autumn term

### English

We start this half-term by writing a recount of our Summer holiday or favourite day out. We then move on to our 2 week poetry unit followed by 2 weeks of non-fiction and 2 weeks of fiction writing. We will link our fiction writing to Harvest.

Our author this term is 'Michael Rosen'. We will compare and contrast his stories as well as his poetry and be discussing 'performance poetry' through looking at Michael Rosen's work. We will have weekly focuses on spelling, punctuation and grammar. After half term, we will have further units of work on poetry, fiction and non-fiction that include our topics as well as an R.E focus in the lead up to Christmas.

### Maths

This term, we will begin by focusing on 'place value', particularly focusing on two digit numbers and the different resources, pictures and jottings we can use to support the children's understanding. We then move on to learning about addition and subtraction, their inverse relationship and linking this to our place value knowledge. After half term, we will focus on multiplication and division and problem solving including all four operations. The children will take part in many mental maths activities, including counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and later on in the term, 3's.

### Science

Materials – looking at the properties of materials and their many uses and also experimenting with changing materials. Animals - including humans is our focus this half term. We will be learning about the basic needs of animals for survival.

The children will consider the importance of exercise and nutrition in more depth, including doing surveys of both the food they eat, and the favourite foods of their classmates. They will move on to think about how animals grow up from babies into adults and consider how their needs change.

### Computing

This term we will be looking at our 2graph, 2question and 2investigate programmes and this will be completed through Maths activities.

We will also be presenting data using one of these programs.

### P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports returning to run sessions across the school. This half term the focus is on multiskills.

After half term, we will be focusing on tag rugby.

## Year 2 Autumn 2017



# 'Here, There and Everywhere'

### MOLES

In MOLES this term we will be focusing on embedding the approaches learned by Mrs Martin in her forest schools training; play and choice are an essential part of the learning process with most sessions now following a child led approach. The children are given opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on experiences in the outdoors. They have the chance to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and themselves; learning transferable life skills and getting to know and love their environment. We will also be providing the children with opportunities to learn other skills outdoors.

### Creative Curriculum

We will be practising our Harvest songs in hymn practice in preparation for the Church Service.

In Art we will be focusing on the skills of using mixed media to create pictures. In Art, we will be exploring the concept of the 'wheel' to create circular art, using a range of media and tube sculpture. We will be requesting your help with collecting shoe boxes and cardboard tubes to support our learning.

In class we will be following the 'Music Express' scheme of work.

In DT we will be focusing on making a Christmas decoration. The children will create their own design, evaluate it and make changes before working on their final design.

Our topic this term is '**Here, there and everywhere**' and is a History/geography based topic about travel and vehicles. We link as much of our learning as possible to our topic and the children are offered opportunities to explore their own ideas.

### Creative Curriculum cont'd

Our marvellous middle this term, will be 'checking in and taking off' on an imaginary flight. Passports at the ready!

### General information

In Year 2, the children have various roles and responsibilities. These include monitor jobs and worship leading. Ask your child about these jobs.

**P.E** - your child is allowed to bring in trainers for P.E if they feel more comfortable in these. We also recommend providing a pair of leggings or some joggers as we always endeavour to do as much of our P.E as possible, outside.

### R.E/PSHCE

In R.E, we will be investigating and reflecting on what it means to be a Christian and 'Who God is'. We will also explore and interpret the meaning of Harvest. Followed, after half term by exploring 'Why is the Bible an important book?'

In PSHCE, we will be finding out how to look after ourselves and also naming parts of the body.

We will also be covering:

Anti-bullying week

Road Safety week

Fire Safety

Our value this term is '**Love**', followed by '**Peace**' after half term. Please try to find the time to discuss these values with your child.