



Years 1 & 2 Fishermen Class Autumn Term 2026/27



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Fishermen Class and the start of a new school year. We hope you have all enjoyed a happy and restful summer break. The classroom has been prepared and a range of learning opportunities planned to support the children as they settle into Year 1 and Year 2. We look forward to getting to know the children and working in partnership with you throughout the year, helping them to learn, grow and develop their confidence as they continue their learning journey.

English

Children will continue to take part in daily Read Write Inc. (RWI) lessons and will be taught in groups matched to their current reading stage. They will practise reading and spelling using the Set 1, Set 2 or Set 3 Speed Sounds they are learning, alongside reading books that are carefully matched to their phonic knowledge. As always, regular practice at home with both their RWI book and reading for pleasure book will help to build fluency and confidence.

Alongside our RWI lessons, the children will explore a range of high-quality storybooks. They will listen to, retell and discuss these stories before using the structure and language as a model to plan and write stories, poems, recounts and instructions of their own.

Maths

In maths, Year 1 & 2 will be covering the White Rose Maths units on place value (within 20), addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 100) and Geometry- Shape.



Science

This term, the children will explore four White Rose Science units: Animals' Needs for Survival, Humans, Materials and Plastic. They will investigate what animals, including humans, need to stay healthy and survive, learn about the human body and how it changes as we grow, explore the properties and uses of different materials, and consider the impact of plastic on our environment. Through practical investigations and discussion, the children will develop their scientific knowledge

and enquiry skills.

Geography

Our geography focus for the autumn term is 'Wonderful Weather'. The children will be learning about:

- The four seasons
- Hot and cold areas of the world
- The impact of different weather types
- Observe and record the weather
- Present their own weather forecasts



History

The history topic for this term is 'Significant Explorers'. During this topic, the children will be learning about different explorers and the impact they have had. In this unit the children will learn:



- What makes a person significant in history
- Felicity Aston, the only female to cross Antarctica
- Neil Armstrong and the Apollo missions
- The recent exploration undertaken by the Artemis crew, and how witnessing such historic events has changed within living memory.

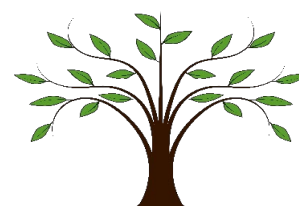
Computing

The children will be following the 'Purple Mash' Computing scheme. We will be looking at ways to stay safe online in our first unit, then coding and spreadsheets.

RE

Our first topic in the 'To Know You More Clearly' Scheme is:

- Branch 1: Creation and Covenant: The season of Creation
- Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise: The season of Advent



Music

Our first unit is 'Hands, Feet, Heart', a song that celebrates South African music. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music. Later in the term, the children will learn and rehearse the music for their Christmas performance.

Art and Design Technology

In Art, the children will complete the Natural Sculptures unit, using natural materials to explore shape, texture and form while creating their own sculptures inspired by the world around them.

In Design and Technology, the children will take part in the Fabric Bunting unit. They will learn simple sewing and joining techniques, explore different fabrics and create their own bunting, developing their design and making skills along the way.

P.E.

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the following kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor sessions:

- A red t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- A pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- A hoodie or sweatshirt



This term the children will focus on ball games and multi-skills. They will also continue to have a weekly dance session on Friday afternoons. We will aim to be outside as much as possible for our P.E. session, so it is important that the children have the items listed above to keep them warm as the weather gets colder. **Please note: in the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.**

Homework

- Read school reading book (daily)
- Practise spellings (for weekly spelling test in school)
- YR2 Times table practise (for weekly multiples test in school)
- Athletics tasks (set weekly on Athletics)

Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed/ handed in by the following Friday. The completed homework will be marked on this day, with a reward of a house point for handing in the homework folder. On a Friday, the children will be tested on their Multiples Marathon and the Spelling list.

Fishermen Class will be joined by Farmers Class for forest school sessions where there will be a mixture of child led learning, outdoor learning and links to class topics where appropriate. These sessions will take place in all weathers so all children must have:

- Waterproof over trousers
- Waterproof coat
- Wellies

As the weather gets colder, it is advisable to have additional layers e.g. a coat underneath hats, welly socks etc.



Year One Phonic Screening Check

Towards the beginning of June, Year 1 children will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This is a short, one-to-one assessment that measures how well children can use their phonics knowledge to read a mixture of real and nonsense words. Any Year 2 children who did not meet the expected standard in Year 1 will also complete the check. We will share more information and ideas for supporting your child at home closer to the time

Pencil cases in school

The school provides all the equipment children need to complete their learning activities. To help minimise distractions and support a focused learning environment, we kindly ask that children do not bring pencil cases/ stationery into Fishermen Class. We have found that personal items can sometimes become misplaced, which can lead to upset or disagreements between children. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the classroom organised and focused on learning.

Water bottle and labelling

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school each day. We kindly ask that all personal items, including water bottles, coats, bags and other belongings, are clearly labelled with your child's name, as items can sometimes become misplaced.

If you have any queries or questions about any of the above, then please feel free to arrange a meeting with us.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to an exciting year!

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Muncila

Fishermen class Teachers

