



Hurricane Class Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. It was so lovely to be able to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their summer. They have settled in to Year 2 wonderfully and I am so proud of how they have returned with such an enthusiasm for learning.

This year, we will have the fantastic support of our TA Miss Wilkinson in Hurricane Class. The children already have a great relationship with her and I'm both confident and excited that we are going to have a fantastic year together!

On Tuesday mornings the children will be taught by Miss Morris, who is covering classes throughout KSI this year.

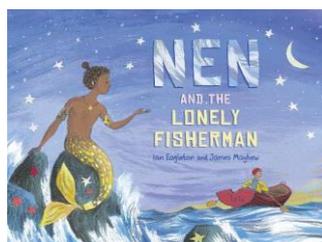
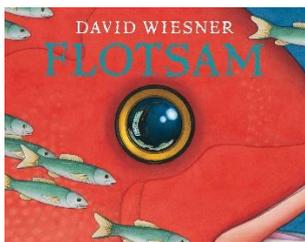
ENQUIRY



This term, we will be exploring the question 'Why are we treating our world like a rubbish bin?'. This project has Geography as it's driver, where we will be learning all about continents, oceans and the impact plastic pollution is having on our planet. We will be visiting The Deep in Hull to immerse the children in the world of oceans and will finish our enquiry by creating clay coral sculptures inspired by artist Courtney Mattison.

ENGLISH

This term our first book for English will be the thought-provoking picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. This half term, we will be writing a recount, a setting description and a character description. We will then move on to focus on the beautiful story of 'Nen and The Lonely Fishermen' by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew by writing a diary entry, our own narratives and pieces of poetry. An exciting term ahead!



READING

During whole class guided reading, we will be focusing on a range of different skills, across a range of different books. These will include making predictions, defining unfamiliar vocabulary and using authors words to paint an image. As the children are so excited by our ocean themed classroom, we will be starting our guided reading by exploring 'Traction Man – Beach Odyssey' by Mini Grey.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading with each child and checking to see if they are ready to move onto the next book band. We will be providing new reading folders with reading diaries and new books. At home, please read with your child each day for 15 minutes to support their learning in school.

BOOK RETURNS

There have been a number of books that have been taken home but not returned last year across school. These include banded books and library books. Please could you check at home to see if you have any school books and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

MATHS

This half term in Maths we will begin by looking at the children's knowledge of number and place value. These are the some of the small steps that we will be looking at in regards to learning about number in Year 2:

Recognise tens and ones	10s and 1s on the number line to 100
Use a place value chart	Estimate numbers on a number line
Partition numbers to 100	Compare objects
Write numbers to 100 in words	Compare numbers
Flexibly partition numbers to 100	Order objects and numbers
Write numbers to 100 in expanded form	Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
10s on the number line to 100	Count in 3s

SCIENCE

In Autumn 1, we will be studying 'Materials' and 'The Environment' with links to our enquiry, as part of this will include learning about where different animals live in the world. We will be becoming confident scientists by observing, measuring and predicting.

RE

During Autumn term, we will be focusing on Christianity and Judaism. This will include using stories to understand the beliefs of each of these faiths and the significant people within them.

Autumn 1: Exploring the stories of Christianity

Autumn 2: Exploring the stories of Judaism and Hanukkah

MUSIC

Each Thursday afternoon, we are lucky enough to have specialist music teachers from Inspire coming in to teach the children Ukulele. Inspire will deliver the National Curriculum objectives for music through these lessons and the children will learn a variety of musical knowledge from pitch, tone, beat and so on.

COMPUTING

This term we will begin our ICT lessons with internet safety and how to be safe online. Following this, we will move onto looking at how to code.

PSHE

We will be using the scheme SCARF for PSHE this year. Autumn 1 & 2 will be focusing on 'Me & My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

Autumn 1: Recognising feelings, families and communities.

Autumn 2: Recognising and celebrating differences, understanding and challenging stereotypes.

PE

We will have our sports specialist teacher, in on a **Friday afternoon** to teach PE, Year 2 will focus on:

Autumn 1: Multi sports

Autumn 2: Gymnastics and Dance

GENERAL CLASSROOM NOTICES

It has been a great start to the year so far and it has been lovely to see parents and guardians at drop off and collection.

School bags and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school each day with their school bag. This helps the children to remember to take things to and from school such as water bottles, jumpers, cardigans and their reading folders.

PE

PE is on a Friday this year. Please can your child bring their kit in for the whole week and keep it on their peg, as sometimes there

might be an impromptu PE/ active session where they may need their kits.

Please remember to write names into clothing so that it doesn't get lost and can be returned to the right child.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to me in the morning or at the end of the day, or if you need a longer chat, then please feel free to book an appointment at the office. I am really looking forward to working closely with you this year to support your child in making every day count!

Keep an eye on upcoming school newsletters for information regarding Parents' Evening and non-school uniform days.

As always, please grab me at the beginning or end of the day if you have any questions.

Miss Castledine