

Spring Term  
2018

# Class 2

## Marvellous Machines



**English:** As usual, we will be continue to develop our reading skills, using a variety of texts. Our guided reading sessions will focus on developing vocabulary, retrieving information and summarising the text. The writing focus this term will be on writing contemporary fiction, poetry and..... We will continue to focus heavily on phonics and word building to become more fluent readers and writers.



**Maths:** This term, we will identify objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language (fewer), most, least and we will read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs and represent numbers using representations including the of: equal to, more than, less than We will work on representing and using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. We will add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero and solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as  $7 = \square - 9$ . Please work on memorising number bonds to 10 at home as rigorously as you practise spellings and read - it is so important in the foundation building of all aspects of maths.

**R.E:** We will be listening to some of the stories that Jesus told to help people be kind and loving to one another.

**Science:** This term's topic lends itself to exploring forces. The children will be thinking about pushes, pulls and twists. They will learn to describe ways of moving and use the appropriate vocabulary. They will take part in an investigation to find out how an object can be made to move and what affects the speed and distance that it travels.

**History:** In history, we will be discussing transport. We will look at how transport has changed over the years, in particular the motor car and the bicycle and as such, developing an awareness of the past, using appropriate vocabulary. In our discovery of marvellous machines, we will begin to learn about some of the ways we can find out about the past.

**Computing:** The children will be learning about algorithms and how to give instructions to make a toy move.

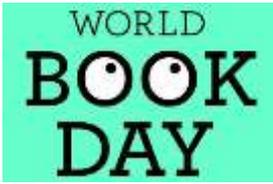
**Music:** We will be focusing on keeping a steady beat using body percussion and instruments to represent different machines.

**P.E:** We will be having P.E lessons on Monday and Thursdays and will continue to swim on Fridays. This term we will be practising dance skills and taking part in gymnastic sessions.

**D&T:** The children will be using various construction kits to build 'Marvellous Machines'.

**Homework:** The children will be having weekly spelling and reading homework in the same format as last half term.





**Please Note:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day.

Please send your child in to school dressed as a Book Character. We plan to have some world Book Day Celebration activities that your child can take part in and enjoy.

We will be taking advantage of Mrs Harding's expertise in computing this term where she will be working with Class 2 on Wednesday afternoons. They will be doing exciting computing activities, linked to the topic of Marvellous Machines.



**Spellings have changed!**

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. Please

put every effort into practising spellings with your child - it makes such a difference and helps them enormously!

We look forward to another positive term working with you and your child.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Brown