Year 2
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

Acorn

Welcome to the start of a very exciting year for everyone at CtS. We hope you all had a restful summer. Acorn have made a fantastic start, and all the adults are looking forward to all the exciting learning we will be doing this term. Miss Welch will be teaching Acorn class this year, along with Mrs Noel, Mrs Mamujee and Mrs Reynolds who will be the class Teaching Assistants.

We start the term with our Geography topic of 'Picturing Places' followed by our history unit of 'The Great Fire of London'. We have also started learning about our year group value – Courage. Year 2 will become experts in showing courage through this year. We will continue to focus on this value throughout the year and how it relates to our school ethos of CARE.

Please ensure your child has a names water bottle, names jumper/cardigan and a names waterproof coat in school each day. Do feel free to come and speak to us anytime should you have any queries.

English





Our English units will take inspiration from key texts this term. For the first half term, we will be using 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo to write a setting description.

After half term, we will read 'Marv and the Mega Robot; by Alex Falase-Koya as a focus for developing our own character.

PE

PE this year will be on a Tuesday so children should come to school wearing the correct PE kit: white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a black hoodie and sports trainers. Please can earrings be removed for P.E days.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

The units we will be covering this term are Families and Friendships, safe relationships and respecting ourselves and others.

Life skills – please practise at home: closing up buttons and tying laces. We will also be practising at school.



Home Learning

We ask all children to complete the following tasks each week:

- Reading – children should aim to read for five minutes every day and log this in their reading journals. Twice a week, children complete a longer response to their reading. Please ensure reading books and diaries are in school every day to be checked and read with by an adult.
- Spellings – Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.
- Fluency targets – Please practise these at home every week ready for the quiz on Fridays.

Library

Library day for Acorn will be on a Monday, please could all children being their library books in to be able to change them .

Art/DT

Autumn 1 – Explore and Draw – create a piece of work inspired by a great artist.
Autumn 2 – Textiles – Can we make a bag strong enough to carry Samuel Pepys' diary?

Mathematics

In Maths, we will begin by focussing on number and place value extending our knowledge of numbers to 200, before moving onto addition and subtractions then shape. Please work weekly with your children to learn timetables of 2, 5 and 10 as well as practising their fluency targets as being able to recall these facts instantly, will benefit them greatly.

Fluency Target this term"

- To know number bonds to 20
- To know number bonds of 10 up to 100
- To know by heart doubles of numbers

Religious Education

The overarching key question for the first half term is: 'How do Christians find out what God is like?'
In Autumn 2, we will explore the question: 'Why do many Christians meet together regularly and what do they do?'

Science

Over the term, we will be learning about Everyday Materials and their properties. Specifically, exploring buildings to work scientifically to test materials.

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