



Class 2 Autumn Term 2026



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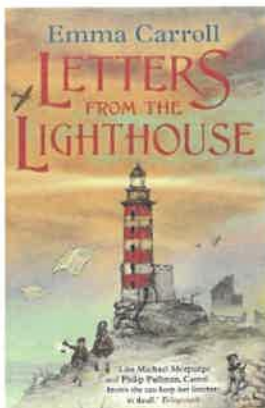
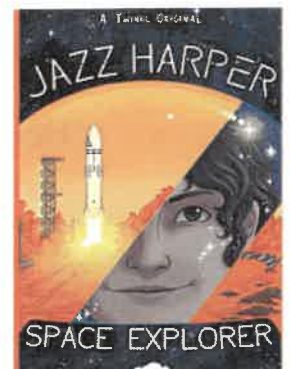
Welcome back. I am pleased to say that the children have all settled back into school and learning well and are already producing lovely work.

We have lots of topics to cover this half term from discovering how sound travels, asking where Earth fits in the solar system to designing and making our own tote bag from scratch!

We are have a busy Autumn term ahead with lots of work to fill our weeks before the Christmas season arrives upon us!

Literacy

We have two very different books to study across the Autumn term. Firstly, we will be reading Jazz Harper Space Explorer, which is set in 2060 and follows the story of a young girl and her mother as they leave Earth to embark on a five year mission to live in a colony on Mars! We will be writing a non-chronological report based on the planets of the Solar System.



Our second book is the story of Olive and her brother who are evacuated to Devon during the Blitz. Their older sister Sukie is still missing after the bombings and a mysterious note in Sukie's coat pocket suggest she may be involved in something dangerous. Will Olive be able to make the pieces fit? We will be using this book to look at characterising speech, write a recount of surviving an air raid and also create our own evacuee's diary.

Throughout all our writing styles, grammar, punctuation and spelling remain a focus and we will continue to build on our vocabulary to enhance our writing even further.



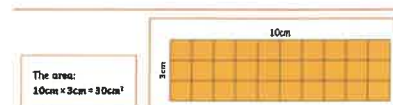
Maths

Hundred thousands	Ten thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
5	3	0	1	7	9

All year groups will begin with place value as this is foundational for future mathematical operations and understanding larger numbers.

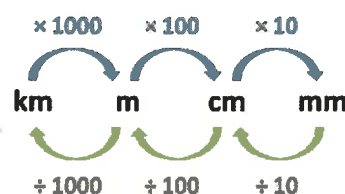
We will also cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Each year group will also look at individual math topics.

Year 4: will be learning how to write numbers to four digits and understanding that each digit's position determines its value (thousands, hundreds, tens, ones). They will also be looking at area.



Year 5: will be learning how to write numbers up to 1,000,000. We then look at powers of 10, partitioning numbers and rounding to the nearest 10,100 or 1,000. Y5 will also be covering fractions this term.

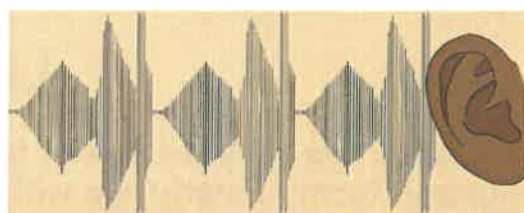
Y6: we be working on how to write numbers up to 10,000,000. They will also cover fractions and converting units



Science

Y3/Y4 will be investigating sound and asking ~

"How does sound travel?"



Y5/Y6 will be exploring Earth and Space and asking ~

"How does the Earth fit in our Solar System?"

Geography

What is the economic activity of the UK, and how sustainable is it?

In this unit, children will do an in-depth study into the economic activity of the United Kingdom. Children will learn about the three main economic sectors and how each impacts the UK's economy. Children will learn about different economic activities in the United Kingdom and their sustainability.



PSHE—Think Positive

This unit is designed to build on what the children have already learnt about feelings, both comfortable and uncomfortable and how our attitude towards life can affect our mental health.

The lessons centre around themes such as thinking positively and calmly, managing difficult emotions, taking responsibility for decisions and developing a growth mindset approach to learning.



Religious Education

What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?



French



In our first French unit this year, we will review what we've learned before and learn the French language needed to "Play an Instrument".



Music will continue this term with Mrs. Townsend and we will continue to learn how music can be built by combining layers of rhythm, developing ensemble skills composing music within a rhythmic framework.

Art—Monochromatic

What mistakes can artists make when drawing faces?



Design & Technology ~ Bag a story

Children will design and create a sturdy, book-themed tote bag, exploring how material choice, structure and stitching contribute to strength and function while adding creative story-inspired elements.

Through durable backstitching and secure handle attachment, they will develop practical sewing skills.

Finally, children will evaluate how well their bag balances aesthetics, functionality and purpose, building confidence in planning, making and refining their designs.



PE



On Monday mornings for ten weeks the whole school will be attending the Arc in Matlock for swimming lessons.

This term we are looking at Invasion Games and Gymnastics!

An outdoor PE lesson will continue to take place every Thursday afternoon. If the weather is particularly bad, the PE lesson will take place indoors.

Computing



The KS2 will be introduced to Vector graphics and begin to create their own 3D models!

We will also cover Online Safety again in this term to remind all pupils of the importance of staying Safe Online.



All children have an Accelerated reading book in school which should be coming home with them every day.

Even if your child is a fluent reader we would still encourage you to listen to them read on a daily basis as this encourages their confidence and gives you an opportunity to engage positively with them which further develops their self esteem.

SPELLING

Spellings are sent home weekly to learnt for the test at the end of the week.

Y4 upwards will receive homework related to the topics we are studying in school.

If you have any questions about any of the subjects covered in this newsletter please feel free to contact me.