









Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2

Bonjour Claude!

English 	This half term, our class text will be 'Claude in City' by Alex T Smith. The book is about a delightful little dog and his friend who go off on adventures. We will be reading the text and children will be writing diary entries in role as Claude. They will also be planning their new adventures for Claude and turning their stories into story books.
Maths 	The children will begin this half term consolidating their knowledge of place value to 100 and counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. They will then be learning strategies to solve addition and subtraction calculations using practical equipment to help them. The children will also learn and use number facts to 10, 20 and 100.
Science 	The learning for this half-term will be Animals including Humans. The children will begin by looking at animal young and comparing them to their adults and look at how animals change as they grow up. They will be introduced to the life cycles of several common animals, including humans, and will look at how humans change as they grow older. The children will learn about the three basic needs of animals for survival and explore healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.
RE 	Over the half term, children will be learning about candle light. They will look at simple examples of candle light in different situations and how this can make people feel. The children will then explore how candles are used in Diwali and Advent.
Computing 	This half term, children will be learning to use a device to take photographs. They will learn what makes a good photograph and about portrait and landscape photography. They will learn to edit a photograph using a simple software program.
DT 	During Design Technology this half term, children will learn to think like designers. They will research what an axle is and how to make a simple axle with wheels. They will then design a moving vehicle using what they know and proceed to make it and revise it if needed.
History 	This half term, children will be learning about Queen Victoria. They will learn to sequence events from her life in chronological order on a timeline and begin to learn how her reign affected the country.
PSHE 	We are continuing this half-term with the theme 'Relationships' with a focus on safe relationships. The children will begin by recognising hurtful behaviour and what to do and whom to tell about hurtful behaviour, including online. The children will explore the difference between happy surprises and secrets and how to ask for help if they feel unsafe or worried and what vocabulary to use.
PE 	At St Denys the children learn to develop their fundamental movement skills of agility, balance and coordination. We believe these skills are vital and will help to support your child in accessing sport and physical activity and introduce them to the skills that will help them be successful. This half term we will be focusing on: FUNS 10 Co-ordination and FUNS 1 Static balance. Please see the PE board, in the hall, for more information.