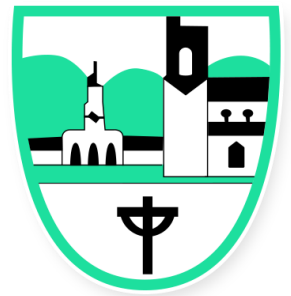


Class 2 News

Spring 2024



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to School! The Class 2 Team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2024. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

We have more exciting topics planned for the New Year and with your continued support we are sure they will be a huge success. On the next page you will find an outline of what we will be covering across the curriculum in the Spring term. Don't forget to browse through some of the useful websites related to our topics.

Just a quick reminder- school opens at 8:40am and ends at 3.15pm and if you should need to contact school the telephone number is 01429 870254.

If you have any problems or questions about any part of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to contact school. We want every child to feel happy and safe!

Please remember to check Seesaw for updates 😊

Many thanks,
Class 2 Team

PE Kit Reminder

PE days- Monday and Wednesday.

PE kit- White / navy t-shirt, navy jogging bottoms/leggings, navy jogging top (no hood) and trainers.



Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.

Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful!

- ★ Navy blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Navy blue or grey skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible, black footwear (no trainers)

Jewellery shouldn't be worn for health and safety reasons. Please help us to enforce this.

Homework

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Homework will be sent out at the beginning of the half term and will include two tasks. The first a research activity and the second a creative task, both based on the topic. Details of when this should be handed in are on the homework sheets and on Seesaw.

Reading

Reading at home is extremely important! We would love to see your child's 'Home Reading Diaries' at least three times a week, signed by the person who has listened to them read. Your child will take a book home from school that is appropriate for them and also have access to the Bug Club where books and games will be added weekly. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child's reading diary is always in school on a **Friday**.

Spellings/Phonics

Work is done every day at school on the children's spellings. We will send a new set of spellings every week for your child to learn based on what they have been doing in school. If you could practise these with your children, we would greatly appreciate it. The children will be tested on these spellings every Friday. Please ensure their spelling book is in school on a **Friday**.

Maths

Year 1 – Counting forwards and backwards to 100 from any number, practise number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in ones, twos fives and tens.

Year 2 – 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and the division facts.

Your child will also have access to Times Table Rock Stars when it is appropriate for them.



Maths

- ★ Place Value (Y1)
Within 20 and 50
- ★ Addition and Subtraction (Y1)
Within 20 and 50
- ★ Money (Y2)
Pounds and pence, notes and coins, comparing, finding change.
- ★ Multiplication and Division (Y2)
2, 5 and 10s

English

- ★ Persuasion
Children will create a persuasive advert/prospectus for Greatham CofE Primary School.
- ★ Newspaper Report
Children will travel back in time and find out what it was like when the children moved to the new building. They will interview pupils from the past and create a newspaper report.
- ★ Explanation
Children will create the teacher of the future and write an explanation of how it works and what it does.

Science

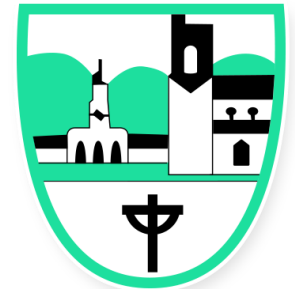
The Environment

- ★ This unit introduces children to the ecological challenges that face the modern world. Children undertake a range of activities that challenge them to engage with environmental issues and to understand the simple changes we can make to live more sustainable lives.
In D&T, we will be making a bird feeder using recycled materials.



The History of Greatham CofE Primary School.

In this topic the children will find out about the history of Greatham CofE Primary School. They will find out what life and school was like in Greatham in the 1970s and how life has changed. They will find this out by looking at different sources of evidence including talking to people who experienced these changes. We will also walk around the village to have a look at the old school.



Computing

Turtle Logo

★ children will create, test and debug algorithms, and prepare them to use the language of Turtle Logo. The children begin by giving and following instructions to move forward and make quarter turns, followed by walking different rectilinear shapes. Children will create text and debug algorithms.

RE

Why is the Bible special to Christians?

Children will learn about why the Bible is special to Christians through looking at stories from the Bible and how the Bible is treated and used. They will explore the Christian belief in God as loving creator who cares about his creation and make links between these beliefs and the responsibility of human beings to care for the world.

Physical Education.

Run, jump, throw with Mrs Macaulay.
Dance with Mr Stabler.

PSHCE

Be Yourself

★ Children are encouraged to recognise different emotions and explore different strategies to help them manage any uncomfortable feelings they experience. They will learn about how big life changes impact on feelings and emotions and explore the importance of sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Maths

★ Length and Height
cm and m

★ Mass and Volume (Y1)
Measuring and comparing; Mass, Volume and Capacity.

★ Mass, Capacity and Temperature (Y2)
grams, kilograms, millilitres, and litres.

English

★ Lifecycles

Children will investigate the lifecycles of different flowering plants and create a recount of this.

★ Story Writing

We will look at various stories about life on a farm including 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' and 'Farmer Duck' These will be the stimulus for our story writing.

★ Recount

After our visit to a farm, the children will be writing a recount of what they got up to.

Science

Growing Plants

★ This topic introduces the children to the idea of plants as living things, which grow and change. The children will become aware of similarities and differences in plants. Experimental and investigative work focuses on testing out their own ideas, making and recording observations, using their results to say what happened and to draw conclusions.

Farming

During this half term, we will look at how and where food is grown and produced. We will look at the geography of these areas and why the produce is grown there. We will visit a farm and see how animals and plants are looked after. In our design and technology sessions, we will be designing and making our own dips and dippers. The children will evaluate products that already exist and use their findings to create the ultimate dip.



Computing

Programming Turtle Logo and Scratch

★ Children will use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen, and then further develop algorithms using the "repeat" command. These skills are then developed by teaching children to create algorithms in Scratch using a selection of blocks.

RE

What is the Easter story?

★ This focus will give children an opportunity to reflect upon the miracles of nature and new life during springtime. They will hear and be able to retell the Easter story.

Physical Education

Children will take part in football with Mrs Macaulay and will be coached in Tennis by Mr Stabler.

PSHCE

It's My Body

★ Children will look at making choices: their body, sleep and exercise, diet and cleanliness. Children will learn facts about each of these areas and learn strategies to manage them. The message of choice and consent runs through the unit and children are encouraged to get help from trusted adults when necessary.



Our Global Goals for this term are- Quality Education and Good Health and Wellbeing.

Useful websites for you and your child to visit.

[ActiveLearn: Login \(activelearnprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

School Code: LQT3

[Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](#)

[The History of Greatham CofE Primary School](#)

[Hartlepool History Then & Now - Greatham School \(hhtandn.org\)](http://hhtandn.org)

Farming

[Food and farming - KS1 The World Around Us - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Farm to plate - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Food and farming | TheSchoolRun](#)