2CL Autumn 2 Curriculum 2017

The children have settled in really well to their new classrooms and the new school site, it has been wonderful getting to know them all. We appreciate the effort you have made for the children to be at school on time, this really helps the children be prepared and ready for the day. Thank you for all your support with homework, especially with the tasks that were given out over the half term, the children have produced some excellent pieces of work. We have another busy and exciting half term ahead.

**Literacy:**

Children will continue to develop their skills in grammar, spelling and punctuation through various activities and games. We will be focusing on past and present tense verbs and the use of commas within lists. We will be writing stories and information texts. We will understand the key features of story writing and look at a book called ‘The dark’ by Lemony Snickett. We will work on drama activities and focus on story structure. We will also develop our literacy skills through our termly topic work. Creating and writing information texts and leaflets to support our learning.

**Numeracy**

We will be consolidating children’s understanding of number and place value, looking at different ways to partition and understanding the value of digits within a number. We will be exploring mathematical vocabulary for addition, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. We will continue working on number bonds and rapid recall of number facts and applying these to calculations i.e. if you know the number bond 6+4=10 you can calculate 46+14=60 easier.

We will be adding 2 digit numbers together carefully thinking about the value of each digit. We will learn to count in 2, 5 and 10 forwards and backwards and recognise this as repeated addition and multiplication.

We will introduce fractions of shapes and the children will work on applying their maths knowledge to solve word problems.

**RE**

Our unit of work this half term will be ‘Mysteries’ and ‘The Christmas story’. We will be thinking about heaven and the holy trinity. We will also be looking at the religion Islam throughout the year.

**Science**

We will continue to look at Materials this half term. We will find identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. We will also find out how the shape of objects made from different materials can be changed by squashing, bending, squeezing and stretching

**History/Geography**

We will be continuing to look at Our School History. To celebrate the new school building and the amalgamation of the two schools, as well as St Winifred’s 125th anniversary. We will also be looking at the cause and effect of the Great Plague and the outcomes of The Gunpowder plot.

**Art and Design**

To support and illustrate our learning on London in the 1660s we will be using our experience of drawing buildings to create a cityscape.

As we head towards Christmas, focus will turn to developing our design skills when we will be using a range of media and materials to produce festive crafts and models.

**PE**

Outdoor PE will continue this half term so please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including plimsolls, joggers and a warm top.  The children will be learning the basic skills of hockey and will participate in team invasion games.

Our focus during indoor PE time will be to develop agility, speed and coordination skills through the use of basic apparatus.

**ICT**

The children will be using our brand new ICT suite and will be introduced to computer coding.  We will be learning how to write basic instructions to make objects move on command in order to create simple games.