

# Class 2 Curriculum Newsletter

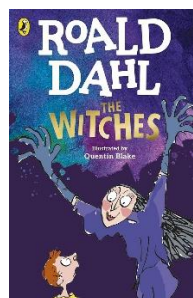
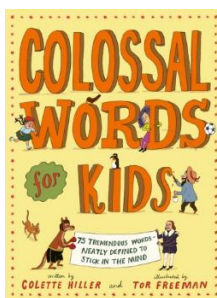
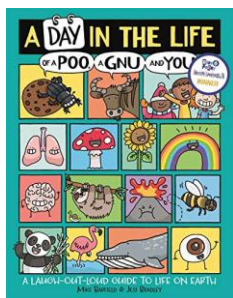
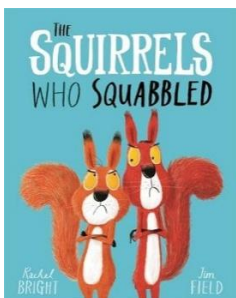
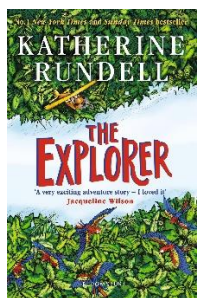
Autumn 2025

Welcome back to a new school year and welcome to our new Year 3 friends who are joining Class 2! We have a fun-filled term ahead, packed with exciting new topics, trips and visitors.

## Class Information

### Favourite Five!

As a school, we want to foster a love of books and reading in the children. In Class 2 children will read and be read to. Each term, I will choose five favourite books. These are books that, as a class, we will read throughout the half term. This term our favourite five are:



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell (Fiction, chapter book)

The Squirrels who Squabbled by Rachel Bright (Fiction, picture book)

A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You by Mike Barfield (Non-fiction)

Colossal Words for Kids by Colette Hillier (Poetry)

The Witches by Roald Dahl (Fiction, chapter book)

### Homework

Homework will be sent out every Friday. This will be spelling homework for your child to complete during the week and we will do a short spelling quiz the following Friday morning! The words your child will be practising are from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. With their homework books, I will also include some fun ideas your child can use to help them remember and practice these words, such as rainbow writing and pyramid spelling!

Your child will also have a log in for Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots. You will find their usernames and passwords on the inside cover of their homework books. It is beneficial for your child to spend some time over the week on these apps to practice their Maths fluency and recall of number facts/times tables.

### Reading

Alongside your child completing their homework, please encourage your child to read the book they have selected from the reading corner or a book they have chosen from home, a minimum of 4 times a week. We have a fantastic selection of books for your child to choose from in our reading corner, including books from the Schools Library Service.

Children will each have a reading journal. In this, they are to write the name of their book, the pages they have read and a sentence about what they have read.

### **Trips**

To encourage reading for pleasure and to expose them to a wide range of high quality books, we will be visiting Torrington Library monthly this year. They will be read to and have the opportunity to choose a book to read. Each year group will take terms to visit. Dates are as follows:

<b>03/10/2025</b> - Year 3 <b>07/11/2025</b> - Year 4 <b>12/12/2025</b> - Year 3	<b>09/01/2026</b> - Year 4 <b>06/02/2026</b> - Year 3 <b>06/03/2026</b> - Year 4
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We will also be visiting Barnstaple Museum on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October for a day at the museum, where we will be learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age.

### **Outdoor learning**

This half term, Year 3 will be participating in Forest school with Mrs Craxson, whilst Year 4 will be learning French with Mrs Fenton. Please ensure that children bring in suitable clothing to change into for Forest school. They must have waterproofs (coat and trousers), wellies, leggings/trousers and a long sleeve top. Wellies can be kept in school. If children do not have suitable clothing, they will stay in class.

### **PE**

PE trainers need to be worn (if they are black) in school every day, or children can keep their trainers at school to change in to at break time. Children have 30 minutes of PE every day with Mrs Wilson. Every Wednesday, we will continue to have 'Workout Wednesday' - please can all children wear their PE kits to school on this day.

In addition to this, we will also be participating in several HIIT sessions throughout the day. These will take place during transitions of lessons and at times when the children need to do a quick five-minute burst of exercise. Research suggests that exercise that raises the heartrate quickly releases endorphins which help children focus better. Exercises might include using the running track, dancing, star jumps, cross-lateral movements etc.

## **Curriculum topics we are learning in Autumn term!**

### **Literacy**



To start off this term, our focus story is based on the Pixar film, The Blue Umbrella. We will be focusing on sentence basics (capital letter and punctuation) and learning various writing techniques, such as expanded noun phrases and similes.

As well as this, there will be daily decision spelling lessons. This will help us gain an understanding of spelling patterns and will help us reason and choose the correct spelling when spelling unknown words.

There will also be daily handwriting lessons this term, ensuring that we are forming our letters correctly, with the goal of us all confidently using joined handwriting by the end of the year.

### **Maths**

In Maths, both Year 3 and 4 are focusing on place value. Year 3 will be learning how to count in 100's, how to represent and partition numbers to 1,000 and how to find 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a number. Year 4 will be learning how to count in 1,000's, how to represent and partition numbers to 10,000, and how to find 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a number.

## **History**

Our History topic this term is focused around the 'big question'; How did life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age? We will be learning about each of these prehistoric periods and how their homes, technology, religions and communities changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

## **Science**

In Science our 'big question' is; How are humans and animals connected through food, movement, and survival? We will be learning about the digestive system, nutrition and teeth. We will have a dentist visiting from Torrington Dental Practice too to teach us the importance of oral hygiene.

## **Geography**

Our 'big question' for Geography this term is; What is an ideal place to settle? We will be learning about the different types of settlements that you can find in the United Kingdom, the history of settlements, and comparing a settlement in the United Kingdom to a settlement in the South of America.

## **RE**

In RE next term will we be learning about Christianity. Our 'big question' is; What kind of world did Jesus want? We will be learning about the creation story, what it is like to follow God and exploring the world that Jesus wanted.

## **Art**

Our theme for Art this term is insects. We will be exploring a variety of drawing and sketching techniques, before we create sculptures using a variety of materials.

## **Computing**

The Computing topic this term is about the Journey Inside the Computer. At the end of the unit we will be able to recognise inputs and outputs and that the computer sends and receives information, explain that the parts of a laptop work together and the purpose of each part, as well as to be able to explain what an algorithm is.

## **Design and Technology**

In Design and Technology, we will be making bread!

## **French**

In French this term, our topic is 'Getting to Know You'. We will be learning how to count to 10, introduce ourselves, say how we feel and say goodbye in a variety of ways. French will be taught by Mrs Fenton.

## **PSHE**

Next half term we will be learning about families and relationships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a message on Class Dojo, or catch me at the school gate at the end of the day.

Miss Lewis