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# Curriculum Newsletter - August - December 2025 Here is what P5 - 7 at Minishant Primary will be learning about this term.

# Numeracy & Maths



This term, class 2 will be exploring a wide range of mathematical areas with a focus on developing these key skills through use of concrete, pictorial and abstract resources and methods. Areas include patterns and relationships, shape, angles, number, fractions, money, time and measure. Pupils will explore mathematical questions in real-life contexts allowing pupils to engage and understand the importance of learning and the relevance it has to everyday life. Class 2 will continue to build confidence in developing mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. We have a parent and child mathematical challenge event on <u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm</u> in the IFE wing which will be run by Mr Morrow, offering parents and carers the opportunity to become involved in our strategies and approaches to teaching maths and numeracy.

# Science/Topic

## Topic:

Our topic this term is 'all around the world' as pupils were keen and interested in learning about different countries. We will look at the differences and similarities between countries and learn about different cultures. The topic was selected during a 'topic talk' where pupils reflected on topics from previous years and shared what they would like to learn about. Throughout this topic we will explore school life in different countries, food and culture, religion, landmarks and history.

### Science:

Through Scientific Inquiry, class 2 will explore microorganisms, learning about germs and diseases and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. During science, pupils will have the opportunity to develop their curiosity and research skills and learn through practical experiments.

# RME /Expressive Arts

**RME:** Pupils will be learning about the story of Rama and Sita and its importance in the Hindu festival of Diwali. They will also explore the Christian season of Advent, focusing on themes such as hope, preparation, and celebration. Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, we will gain a deeper understanding of different beliefs and values, helping us to appreciate a range of cultural and religious traditions.

**Expressive Arts:** Throughout art and design pupils will develop their knowledge of shape, line and tone and how these aspects contribute to drawings and paintings. We will do so by linking with our topic of countries as we explore landmarks around the world creating landscape drawings and paintings.

# Literacy & English

<u>Writing</u>: This term, we will use elements of *Talk for Writing* to strengthen pupils' writing skills. Children will take part in daily short-burst writing activities, helping to make writing a natural part of everyday learning. Our focus will begin with personal writing, including recounts and imaginative pieces, before moving on to poetry. To conclude the term, pupils will develop their functional writing by exploring instructions and procedures.

<u>Phonics:</u> During this term, pupils will explore new sounds each week and develop their abilities within spelling using a range of strategies.

<u>Group 1</u> - ce, ci, cy/ ge, gi, gy/ o, -oe/ o, oes/ -ie, i-e/ ee, e-e/ -oe, o-e/ -ae, ae/ -ue, u-e/ air/ -are.

Group 2 - ow/ oo/ oo/ ar/ or/ air/ ir/ ou/ oy/ oi/ i-e/ oe

<u>Reading:</u> All pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through a range of activities in class and at home. We will also read a class novel to engage with aspects such as plot and character description through reading which will support and enhance our writing skills.

# HWE

In HWB, pupils will have the opportunity to explore and taste a range of foods as part of our topic. Pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in the Cross-Country Sports Event at Rozelle on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Swimming** - Class 2 will develop life skills through swimming lessons every Friday morning (10am - 11,30am).

PE - This term pupils will be developing their coordination and ball skills throughout games such as netball and basketball.

Class 2 P.E. will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

\*\*Remember that no jewellery should be worn on these days, especially earrings!

Please provide tape if earrings can't be removed\*\*



## Opportunities for Personal Achievement

Please take a moment to chat with your child at home about anything they're proud of—this could be anything from receiving an award at a club, drawing a picture, learning to tie their shoelaces, helping at home by setting the table or making their bed.

If your child has any awards such as medals or trophies, feel free to send them in or email us a photo—we'd love to add them to our Achievement Wall and celebrate them during assemblies.