

Year Groups: 2/3

Term 1 2023-24

# Redland School

### As readers...

We will be reading the online text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J K Rowling as a class. We will also be looking at examples of letters and a variety of examples of description relating to our class text and topic.

Reading lessons will focus on a range of different reading skills, including: decoding, skimming and scanning as well as other comprehension skills.

### As writers...

We will be checking our understanding of punctuation and sentence types. We will recap the use of adjectives to write descriptively. We will be writing letters of both formal and informal nature and then making links to our class story and topic when letters and descriptions.

### As linguists...

We will be looking at greetings and forms of address; asking and answering simple questions; days of the week and recognising keywords and phrases.

### As mathematicians...

We will work on developing our place value and number understanding. There will be a big focus on the use of manipulatives such as ten frames and base 10 (hundreds, tens and ones) to support our understanding. We will then develop this further by learning methods for addition and subtraction. In addition, we will be looking at real life mathematics by using lots of practical apparatus, such as money.

### 'Redland is 50!'

As Redland is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, our focus will be the school and how things have changed in the time it's been open. Each class pair is focussing on one of the decades that it has been open for. Puffins and Nightingales are learning about the 1990s!

We will be using history skills throughout the topic to investigate the 90s, looking at:

School life, popular culture, news events and everyday life.



### As members of our community (PSHE)...

we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World' and the year ahead, including being a global citizen.

### As active individuals (PE)...

Both Puffins and Nightingales will be having football lessons with Mr Murphy from Up and Under. In addition, we will be doing dance with Mr Mitchell.

**Please note - PE kits need to be worn to school on a Thursdays and Fridays for both Puffins and Nightingales.**

Classes: **Puffins and Nightingales**

Please see our website pages:



Puffins



Nightingales

### What's on...

1.9.23 TD day

18.10.23 Last Day of Term

***Please check Class Dojo regularly for updates and key messages.***

### Homework...

Children in Puffins and Nightingales will be given weekly spellings and KIRFs (mental maths) targets to practise. If your child doesn't fully understand what they need to do, please ensure they speak to their teacher before the weekend 😊

### As scientists...

In this science topic about 'Skeletons' we will learn the following: Name and identify bones in the human body; Functions of the skeleton; Name and identify bones in a range of animals.

### As computing experts...

We will be learning key computing skills and focussing on coding. We will also be utilising apps and websites to support other areas of the curriculum.