

Welcome back to the final half of the Autumn Term. This term the children in Year 2 will be working with the Year 1 children to put together a nativity which we will enjoy sharing with you. We will also be learning some Christmas songs to share at our end of term church service.

During writing lessons, the children in Year 2 will be continuing to revise basic word classes and their functions within a sentence. They will begin to develop single clause sentences and over time modify these. They will revise adding punctuation to their sentences. They will then move on to writing their own non-chronological reports. In Year 3 and 4, the children will use their prior learning based on single and multi-clause sentences to begin to develop a non-chronological report and a recount.

Year 2

In phonics the children will be continuing to develop their phonological knowledge to increase their fluency using the Read Write Inc scheme. Children will bring home a colour band book that corresponds to their phonics group to support their learning at home. In PE the children will be working on a dance unit based on a superhero theme, they will also be developing an understanding of some fundamental skills used within invasion games. In maths the children will be developing their addition and subtraction skills as well as learning about the properties of 2D shapes. In science the children will be learning about micro habitats with the focus on minibeasts. They will take part in art lessons this half term and develop the use of their own sketch book. The skill they will be focusing on will be drawing. They will develop their ability to show different textures using a range of medium. In music the children will be exploring and using a range of instruments to tell stories. They will learn about dynamics and tempo. In computing the children will continue to develop their knowledge of e-safety and being safe online in and out of school. They will also move to look at coding using Purple Mash 2code as well as creating spreadsheets. In PSHE the children will be looking at differences between themselves and others and celebrating this within their classroom and wider community. The history unit this half term focuses on how school was different in the past. The children will use a range of sources to make historical comparisons.

Year 3 and 4

In reading lessons, we will be looking at *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl and *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. The children will complete comprehension styled questions based on what we have read. In maths, we will be developing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. Year 4 pupils will also develop their understanding of properties of a range of 2D shapes. In science, we will be learning about light sources and how light travels. We will explore a range of surfaces and how light can shine through some but not all. We will learn what makes a shadow and how these can change. We will also explore keeping safe in UV light. In art the children will exploring light and texture within a range of drawings. They will use plants as an inspiration for their own drawings. In history we will be learning about how life has changed for children by comparing life as a Tudor, Victorian and modern day. In RE the children will answering the question: What is a prophet? We will discuss the characteristics of a prophet and discuss Christian, Muslim and Sikh prophets. In PE, the children will be taking part in dance and football lessons. In music, we will be exploring rock and roll. In computing, the children will be exploring coding, spreadsheets and being hardware engineers. In PSHE, we will be exploring the topic 'Celebrating differences'.

Core texts

Year 2 - *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl

Year 3 and 4 - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura and *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. The expectations are:

Year 2

- Reading with your child, your child reading aloud to you at least 5 times a week
- Learning common exception spellings- these will come home once a week.
- English or Maths homework week will be set once every two weeks.
- Learning to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10. For example- 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc

Year 3 and 4

- Reading with your child, your child reading aloud to you at least 5 times a week
- Learning Year 3/4 National Curriculum spelling words- these will come home once a week.
- English homework every week (up to 30 minutes)
- Maths work every week (up to 30 minutes)
- Learning multiplication table facts - 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and the division facts (Year 3)
- Learning the rest of the multiplication table facts to 12x12 - 3, 6, 9, 7, 11, 12 (Year 4)

Important information

Please only bring essential items to school daily i.e.: reading book, spelling book, reading diary, lunch box (if not having hot school meals). Pencil cases and equipment are provided in school.

Your child needs a **refillable water bottle** that is taken home daily for washing before returning to school the next day.

Please ensure all uniform is named.

Please ensure your children do not bring any toys/ cards from home into school.

P.E Days

Lions: Monday and Wednesday

Zebras: Monday and Wednesday

Leopards: Tuesday and Wednesday

The teachers in Phase 2 are:

Mrs Stankowski - Leopards

Mr Tearle - Lions

Miss Hunt - Zebras

The adults supporting in Phase 2 are:

Mrs Fox, Mrs Waters, Mr Marshall and Miss Powell