



Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term break full of Autumn fun! The children deserved the rest after working so hard and settling into the routines of school last half term. We are looking forward to yet another fun filled half term and have lots of exciting things planned for the children to get fully immersed in.

Our PE days have changed so please ensure your child comes into school in their **PE** kit every **Monday and Wednesday**. As we move into Winter children will need to wear warmer coats that can withstand the rain too.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Allanson

Maths

Addition & subtraction

- Adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers
- Adding three 1-digit numbers
- Solving word problems using the bar model

Money

- Counting coins and notes
- Showing equal amounts of money
- Comparing amounts of money
- Calculating the total amount
- Finding change

Multiplication & Division

- Making equal groups
- Adding equal groups
- Using arrays
- 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Our first class text for this half term is Grandad's Secret Giant. The text will help the children to use descriptive language in their writing. We will be revisiting adjectives and nouns to build the children's understanding of how to compose a sentence. The children will explore the text, make predictions, describe characters and settings and work towards planning, drafting, editing and publishing their very own story from another character's perspective. The children will also write an instructional text on how to make Christmas crafts and recipes using imperative verbs. Alongside this, the children will focus on using the past tense, subordinate conjunctions, co-ordinating conjunctions and nouns phrases in their writing.



Reading

The children will continue to develop their reading skills through weekly guided reading sessions with the class teacher and having a 1:1 session with Mrs Allanson. Please make sure your child has their reading book in school every day. In addition to this, once a week, children will participate in a whole class reading lesson where children are explicitly taught written comprehension skills. The children will also be taught phonics with their year group each day.

New Spelling Bee words will be sent home in the first week. Thank you for helping the children with their words.

RE Our topic for this term is Chosen People

Our learning will include:

- Knowing that a mystery is something we can wonder about and a mystery is something no one will fully understand.
- Wondering about some mysteries of nature and religious beliefs (heaven).
- Knowing that God is a great big mystery, we will wonder about God forever.
- Knowing Christians believe in one God known in three ways: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is called the Trinity.
- Knowing that God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son at the Annunciation.
- Understanding that Advent is a time Christians get ready for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.
- Knowing that Jesus, the Son of God, was born as a baby in Bethlehem and that Christians call this the (mystery of the) Incarnation— Jesus is God on earth.
- Knowing that Luke's story of Jesus' birth tells us of the visit of the shepherds.
- Understanding that the visit of the shepherds shows that Jesus comes to bring good news to the poor.
- Knowing that Matthew's story of Jesus' birth tells us of the visit of the wise men.
- Understanding that the visit of the wise men shows that Jesus is worshipped as a king, who came to help us.



Curriculum Movers and Shakers

In the Movers and Shakers topic we will be continuing to learn about historically significant people, who have had a major impact on the world. Children will be using timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured. To wrap up our unit, we will have children complete their own inquiry on a person they find significant and present their work to their peers.



Science – This half term our Biology unit of work is about animals. We will be learning about the features of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also be sorting animals into the 5 vertebrate groups. We will be looking at the features of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. Our unit of work will also involve comparing animals both within and between the groups.

Design and Technology – This half term the children will be learning to design, sew and embellish clothing. Children will begin to investigate materials, different stitching techniques and design. We will study the work of Kath Kidston and experiment creating our own Christmas design using felt.

Music- This half term the children will make links between music, sounds and environments and use percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent calm or stormy seas.

Computing: - The children will gain a greater understanding about using technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies. They will learn about using search technologies effectively. Children will also use Chromebooks and iPads for research across the curriculum.

PE –P.E with Mr Gibson will be on Monday and Wednesday this half term and we will be learning;

Multi skills and Health related fitness

The sessions may be inside our school hall or outside depending on the nature of the lesson and the weather. We kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on Mondays and Wednesdays with a water bottle.



Home support

Reading- Reading books will come home daily. Your child's book will be changed twice a week if they have read the book. Please continue to listen to your child read and write a comment in their reading record. We are happy to hear about books being read at home, please write the name of the book and add a comment about these too.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Read to your child.
- Listen to your child read and ask questions about what they have read.

- Practise counting coins and notes by playing a game of shopping. Perhaps your child can open up their piggy bank to carry this out. They could make different amounts using a mix of coins.
- Practise spelling bee words.
- By the end of the school year, Year 2's should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 (we will stick children's TTRS login's into their reading record)