

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2023

Welcome

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely break and are ready for a busy term of learning ahead. We now have Mrs Danielle Howe working us and Mrs Morris continues to be with us on a Monday.

Reading

In reading, we will be using repeated oral reading alongside our phonic lessons to increase our reading mileage. This term, we will be focussing, on traditional tales in our reading lessons.

Your child will continue to have a book banded reading book which they can practise reading at home daily and every Friday they can swap their reading for pleasure book.

READING BOOKS MUST BE SENT IN TO SCHOOL DAILY IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THEIR DAILY READING PRACTICE.

Recommended reads:

Kid Christmas: of the Claus Brothers Toy Shop

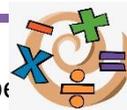


Writing

This term in writing, we will begin by writing descriptions of places in our story, 'The Building Boy'. We will be focussing of sequencing sentences to form short, cohesive narratives. Later, in the term, we will be developing our non-fiction skills by writing information texts. We will also continue to practise spelling daily in spelling lessons, you can support your child further by practising their weekly spellings at home.

Maths Unit: Addition and Subtraction

In maths, your child will have one fluency lesson each week focussed on their recall of number facts and a daily maths lesson. We will be learning how to add and subtract numbers to 100 using lots of concrete resources to support our independent learning.



Science Unit: Living things and their environment

In Science, we will be learning about how to categorise things into living, dead and never been alive. We will also be learning about habitats, with a particular focus on rainforests and deserts.



Computing Unit: Online safety and exploring Purple Mash

The children will learn about internet safety this term and how to perform safe searches. We will also be learning how to use the keyboard and mouse on the laptops.



Art & Design unit: Colour, shape and texture

This unit builds on our previous art unit. We will initially study colour and shape, looking in detail at the work of Matisse. Following on from this, the children will make their own collages with colourful paper to experiment with compositions.

Design Technology

This term in DT we will be studying food technology and making some yummy treats, which will be very exciting! A letter with more information will follow later in the term.

History: The Romans in Britain

In history, we will be studying the Romans. The children will learn that the Romans were an ancient civilisation that built an empire. This will give them an early understanding of the Romans in the familiar context of Britain.



Music Unit: Ho, ho, ho

This term in music there will be a Christmas theme to our learning! We will be building on our knowledge of finding the pulse and using clapping to make different rhythms. Finally, your child will be developing their confidence to put on a final performance to their class.



PE:

PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays outdoors and indoors, so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days. Children may stay in PE kit all day. **Long hair to be tied up and no jewellery please.** Thank you.



PSHE Unit: Celebrating difference

In PSHE we will be exploring assumptions and stereotypes that people make about boys and girls and challenging these views. Later on in the term, we will study right and wrong and how we can look after ourselves.



RE Unit: Christianity

Key question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?



RE teaching is a 4-step process involving: engagement, investigation, evaluation, and expression.

Homework Project



Weekly homework:

- Read school reading book at least x3 weekly. Please record that your child has read in their reading record, as we collate and record all reads every Friday.
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- Spellings – a paper copy will be sent home every Monday, children can collect more copies if they would like to throughout the week. Spellings can also be practised on Spelling Shed

Homework project

Our project will be linked to our next Geography Unit, the British Isles. The children could research 'The Giant's Causeway' in Northern Ireland. The children could create fact files, use their art skills to draw or make a model of the Giant Causeway.

They could also use map work to locate the countries in the British Isles.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teachers: Miss Sullivan and Mrs Morris (Mondays)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Howe and Miss McKillop

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather may still be warm. They may also bring a sun hat.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!



Monday 30th October – School closed – teacher training day
Tuesday 31st October - School starts term 2
Tuesday 2nd November – PTA Halloween disco
Friday 17th November- Children in Need Day
Friday 1st December – School closed – teacher training day
Thursday 7th December- HLA Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December- Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December- Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December- Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holiday