

## Class 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the second class newsletter of the school year! We certainly had a busy half-term and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning in the build up to Christmas.

### **English**

Y1 will continue to focus upon phonics, spelling and sentence construction. They will also practise their writing skills in both non-fiction and fiction genres, including poetry, stories and instructions.

Y2 will also explore a range of text-types and there will be a strong emphasis upon grammar and punctuation this half-term. ***Y2 children will take the national Phonics Screen before the end of term.***

Class 2 will have the opportunity to practise their speaking and listening skills when they rehearse for and perform in our Christmas play (in whatever form this takes – more details will follow).

### **Maths**

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to practise their computation skills and there will be a continued emphasis upon learning number bonds by heart. We will develop our ability to solve problems and to use multiplication. We will also be investigating 2D and 3D shapes and symmetry.

### **Science**

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term; the children will continue to investigate the basic needs of all animals, including humans.

### **Geography**

In Geography we will learn about the continents and oceans that make up the world; we will also discuss environmental issues in an age-appropriate way.

### **DT**

In DT our focus is textiles and we will be designing and making puppets of animals. We will also be creating beautiful art for our classroom displays and of course we will be making Christmas cards and crafts to share with our families!

### **RE**

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching RE and the topic will be how Christians use light at Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### **Music**

This half-term we will be practising singing in unison, using our Christmas performance as the basis for our lessons. We will develop our range of warm-up exercises to ensure that our voices are at their best!

### **ICT**

In ICT we will continue learning how to create simple programs and how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also practise using technology in order to create, store and retrieve information.

## **PE**

Our PE days continue to be **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Miss Jewett will teach PE on a Monday and on a Friday, PE will be delivered by an external coach who will be teaching movement skills. *Please ensure that your child comes dressed for PE on the appropriate days and also that ear-rings are not worn or ears are covered for safety reasons.*

## **Spanish**

In Spanish we will continue to learn basic greetings and numbers. We also learn some festive Spanish phrases!

## **PHSCE**

In PSHE we will be exploring the importance of Remembrance Day and we will discuss issues surrounding bullying, including cyber-bullying. We will also consider the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves when we participate in Children in Need activities.

## **Homework**

I am sure you have noticed that the children now have ten spellings to learn each week; these include words containing the specific 'sound of the week' and five Common Exception Words (CEWs). A copy of this half-term's spellings was sent home last Monday and I will also send home a list of all CEWs which children should know by the end of this academic year.

Maths homework is also given on a weekly basis; this might include counting or learning a times table so children will not always need to complete a written piece of work.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

## **Reading books**

Reading books are changed weekly; again, please ensure that they are returned by Wednesday and that an adult signs the Home School Reading Book.

I am delighted to tell you that we are starting to use the school library again from this week. Children can choose a book to take home on a Friday which can stay at home until the following Friday when it can be changed. ***As with the graded reading books, new books will only be given when the previous ones are returned.***

At school we are continuing to take measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus; this includes leaving classroom windows open as much as possible so please ensure that your child has a named jumper/cardigan to put on, if and when necessary, as it can be a little chilly in class!

Could I also politely request that children bring in a named water bottle each day; we encourage plain water as this is better for developing teeth!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to give a particular 'shout out' to Y1 who have adapted so well to the challenges of Class 2! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

Miss Forth