



AUTUMN 2 YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

HERE'S SOME OF THE EXCITING THINGS WE'VE GOT COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

English

We will be reading Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and Grandad's Island by Benji Davis and



writing about the settings and characters. We will be exploring letter writing and starting to focus on making our handwriting smaller and neater. Please practice handwriting with your child at home. As we approach the festive season, we will be enjoying the classic poem "The Night Before Christmas" and practicing our poetry and rhyming skills.

Reading

We would like to thank you for your commitment to reading at home with your children over the last half term. We have been bowled over by the amount of reading that has been happening over the half term holiday - thank you so much. It is now important to keep up the momentum, and continue to read with your child as much as possible - the expectation is that your child reads for five out of the seven sessions.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on addition and subtraction this half term, and working on our strategies for problem solving: this means that we will be giving children open-ended tasks so that they can practise thinking and working systematically with pictures, word problems, and logic problems. We will also be starting to look at measures, such as weight and height.

Ways in which you can help at home:

Many of the children are still reversing their numerals when they write. Please can your practice this at home until your child can consistently write their numerals the right way around? Also work on writing and spelling numerals

as words. As we will be starting on multiplication and division soon, you can start practicing 2, 5 and 10 times tables with your child.

Phonics

The children are now in their new phonics groups. If you have any questions about how to help your child with their phonics, please let us know via the reading diary. We will be happy to give you some tips.



Topic

The topic for Autumn 2 is 'Famous People'. We will be exploring some key historical figures such as Guy Fawkes, Jutland Jack and Florence Nightingale and thinking about their impact on our national history. We have also taught the children about Remembrance Day.



Science

We will be learning about materials, and how we can change and use materials for different purposes. We will do some fun tests on different materials to see how they react to different forces.

Religious Education

We will be starting with a unit of work called 'Special Events'. The children will have the opportunity to discuss events which are special to them. They will then plan their own special event and learn about events which are significant to different religions.

Physical Education

This term your child will still be doing outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure they have their warm outdoor PE kits in school and that their belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Your child will NOT be allowed to do PE wearing earrings. If they cannot take them out by themselves, please take them out before school.



Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Thursday and we would like it handed in by the following Monday so that we have a chance to mark it.

This will include some of the following: reading, handwriting, spellings and Maths. Remember that you can choose which elements of the homework that you do - you do not have to do all of it, but please try to read every night.

Ways in which you can help at home:

- Read with your child as often as is possible
- Complete homework and practise spelling patterns each week
- Complete homework and practise reading and spelling tricky words (CEWs)

Other Information

To prevent loss of expensive clothing and having upset children, please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

Your child will need a water bottle in school so they can have water during the school day. In line with the school policy, we do not allow juice in water bottles unless you child has a specific medical need. If this is the case, please do discuss it with your child's class teacher. Any juice in bottles will be replaced with water from the cooler.

Christmas

Can you believe it is nearly that time again???

Unfortunately, we are unable to have a concert this year but we are learning some Christmas songs with Mrs Bradley as well as some poems. Your child

might have an individual line to learn for the class poem which we will send home soon.



Your children will be invited to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers (or outfits) - date TBC and we will record Y1 and Y2 singing, performing poems and telling jokes. This will then be posted as a video on the school website for you all to enjoy in the safety of your home.

Home learning

Finally, we have done a remote learning test in school with the children via Microsoft Teams. This means that in the event that they do have to access remote learning at home, they will be familiar with some of the things they need to do. You have all received your child's login details, so please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Miss Rimmer & Miss O'Malley

