



YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

What a busy half-term we have coming up! Read on to find out all about it...

Our topics this half-term are 'Remembrance Day' and 'Antarctica'...



English

Reading and Writing

We will be reading as a class, in groups during guided reading and individually. We will be reading information books about penguins and Antarctica and looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will also be using the texts 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and 'Lost and Found' over this half-term to inspire some amazing fiction and non-fiction writing.



Individual and Guided Reading

Your child will continue to bring home reading books from school. Please make a comment to show us when they have read at home and we will do the same when they read in school. Could we also please ask that your child keep their reading book and diary in their book bag and bring it to school every day, just in case it is their turn to read to us. Thank you!

We will be continuing with our Guided Reading lessons and we will be focusing on comprehension skills, such as going back to the text to find the answer to a literal question and also expressing opinions about different texts, starting to give reasons for our opinions.

SPAG

We will continue to have a weekly SPAG lesson, working on key skills to help the children improve their writing.

This half-term we will be continuing to focus on word classes (noun, adjective, verb, adverb) as well as past and present tense and different types of sentences - statement, question, command and exclamation.

Phonics and Spelling

We will be continually reinforcing our phonics work through reading and writing activities.

We will be continuing to revise the Y1 spelling rules and then moving onto the Y2 spelling patterns and rules as well as making sure we are spelling the Y1 CEWs correctly in our writing.

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 CEWs - see packs sent home for Parents Evening

Mathematics

The maths we will cover this half-term will include the following:

- We will continue with a unit on addition and we will be developing our mental calculation skills as well as learning new written methods to help us
- We will continue to revise our number facts for 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 10
- We will be moving onto a unit all about money - recognising coins and notes and using coins to make different amounts and exploring different ways to make the same amount
- If we have time, we will be looking at multiplication and using different strategies to help us, such as arrays, number lines and 100 grids as well as our counting patterns (so continue to practise counting in 2s, 10s and 5s)

Ways in which you can help at home:

- Practise counting in steps of 2,5,10 and 3
- Practise addition and subtraction facts for 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20 and 100 (multiples of 10)
- Complete homework each week

Science

Our science work will include...

- investigations, such as which material will be best for keeping us warm in a cold place like Antarctica as well as which ice-cube will melt the quickest
- understanding how to make our investigations 'fair tests'
- changing the shape of materials in different ways
- learning how different materials can change by heating and cooling
- learning about solids and liquids

Religious Education

We will be starting a new unit about how babies are welcomed into our world. We will be finding out how this is different for Christians and Muslims. And of course...we will be looking at the nativity and why Christians celebrate Christmas.

Cross-curricular Topic Work

We will be starting with a mini-topic all about Remembrance Day where we will be exploring themes such as why do we remember and what happens on Remembrance Day. This will include art work, history and music. As part of our Antarctica topic we will be finding out about the continent, including weather, climate, jobs, housing, animal life, etc. We will also be learning to identify human and physical features in different environments. Also, we will be using different media in art to create sculptures as well as paintings and observational drawings. We will also be learning about algorithms and emails in our computing lessons as well as how to keep safe on the Internet. As well as all that, we will be singing songs linked to our topic as well as learning some Christmas songs too.

Physical Education

This half-term your child will be doing gymnastics on a Friday afternoon.

Please make sure they have their indoor kit in a named bag in school. This should include a white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/pumps. Please make sure that their belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Many thanks.

REMINDER...

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.

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 and most importantly, some 'cracking' Christmas jokes!!!

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.



Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and the ONLY day we can accept it back is on Monday.

This will include: reading, handwriting, spellings and maths. Our homework is always linked to what we have done in school so it is a really good chance for you to spend some time with your child reinforcing what they have learnt during the week.

Thank you for your support.

Water Bottles

Your child will need a water bottle in school so they can have water during the school day.



School Uniform

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via telephone message.

Miss Davis, Mrs Smith and Mrs Burns

