



Autumn 2 newsletter November 2022

YEAR 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term (and next) as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our new school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Miss Whitbread and Miss Weedon

Term 2 Learning

Summary of Learning

A weekly update will be shared every Friday to give you exact details of what we have been learning in the week. This includes your child's spellings which are also added onto Ed Shed each week.

English – We will be looking at the story 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris and we will be writing our own instruction manuals on how to care for our imaginary dragons. We will be continuing to look at different sentence types (statements, questions, commands and exclamations) and the different types of punctuation we use when writing these sentences. Over the term we will be looking at coordination (joining sentences with and and but), using commas when writing a list, adverbs, adding the suffixes -less, -ness, -ment, and -ful and compound words.

Phonics – We will be continuing to learn alternative sounds (these will be shared with you via dojo). Words containing these sounds will be shared onto Ed Shed for additional practise. We are also continuing to learn the KS1 tricky words (also shared with you on dojo).

Reading – We are continuing with our weekly reading sessions, which go over our reading skills and we will be starting our comprehension sessions.

Maths – Our main topics this term are addition and subtraction and shape. We will be continuing to use our number bond knowledge to support us when adding and subtracting to and across the nearest 10 and when adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. At the end of this topic, we will be applying our knowledge to worded problems. When looking at shape, we will explore a variety of 2D and 3D shapes, naming them and identifying their properties, including lines of symmetry on 2D shapes.

RE - Our topic this term is Incarnation. This is when God sent Jesus to Earth to save people from their Sins. It starts at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and ends with his death on the cross. Our Big Question is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians'. We looked at this topic in year one, but we will be digging deeper into our understanding this year. We will also be looking at how the Christmas story is represented around the world.

History – We will be looking at the significant events of The Gunpowder Plot and the Battle of Hasting.

Geography – We will be looking at the countries in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Science: We will be continuing to look at humans and living things by exploring how we know if something is living, dead or non-living and how humans need a healthy, balanced diet. We will then be exploring electrical circuits towards the end of the term.

Music – We will be learning our Nativity songs for Hey Ewe!

PSHE – Our topic this term is Celebrating Differences. We will be looking at the stereotypes associated with boys and girls, what bullying is and why it happens, standing up for ourselves and others, gender diversity and celebrating differences but still being friends.

Art and DT – In art we will be looking at the artist Paul Cezanne and in DT we will be looking at frame structures.

P.E. – We are very lucky this term, Mrs Hunt will be teaching our dance lessons on a Thursday.

Help your child with their learning

Spellings – Spellings will continue to be on a Wednesday, and these are linked to phonics and the tricky words we are looking at. Encourage your child to spell them (don't always check them in the same order!), spot them in their reading books and make sure your child understand what the words mean. I will also add their spellings to Ed Shed to practise at home.

Reading – Children should be reading every day. If your child is accessing phonics books, these need to be read 3 times and when your child receives their book, they should be able to read without overly blending and decoding. Children should not be reading books they cannot read! If your child is accessing Accelerated Reader, they only need to read the book once. However, if your child is scoring below 80% consistently, we will ask you to read the book more than once.

Weekly update – Everything we do is shared with you in the weekly update. Please take the time to discuss the learning with your child and encourage them to show you what they can do – let them teach you something new!

Additional information

A reminder to make sure everything is named, this includes (as the weather gets colder) hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats!

As the weather gets wetter, our playground has a tendency to flood/puddles form, so we are asking, if possible, that children have a spare set of clothes in school in case anyone falls over a lunch time. Ideally, please use PE bags but any suitable size bag will be ok. Please include spare socks/tights, underwear, and an outfit e.g. school trousers, tracksuit bottoms and top, skirt etc. This is completely optional, but it is extremely helpful as we have a very limited supply of spare clothes. These can remain on your child's peg at school.

A huge thank you to the FOSS team for painting the fence surrounding the KS1 area over the half term. It has brightened up the area immensely and the children adore the rainbow colours!

Key dates/information

Term 2 is always a very busy time for Year 2. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for up-to-date information.

Monday 14th November – Anti-bullying week and Interfaith week. Odd socks day.

Friday 25th November – non-uniform day for Christmas donations.

Monday 28th November & Thursday 1st December – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

Wednesday 30th November – School Nativity outfits in (more details to follow).

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm.

Monday 5th December – Nativity 1:45pm (Must have tickets).

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity 9:30am (Must have tickets).

Wednesday 7th December – Pantomime trip Woodville Halls.

Thursday 8th December – FOSS disco 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day.

Friday 9th December – Church Nativity outfit in (more details to follow).

Monday 12th December – KS1 party (in school time, party outfit needed).

Tuesday 13th December – Church Service (this is not confirmed yet due to the damage at the church).

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner day and Elf Day.

Friday 16th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

Thank you as always for your continued hard work and support.

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