



Autumn 2 newsletter November 2023

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.

A reminder that our school values 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, Miss Weedon and Mrs Vickers

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 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We will be using the text to help us write expanded noun phrases, a description of jungle animals and letters. 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 – Our class book this term is 'Hotel Flamingo' by Alex Milway. We are also 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?'. The children 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!

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, Miss Patrick will be teaching our dance lessons on a Tuesday. Please wear kits to school.

Help your child with their learning

Spellings – Spellings will continue to be on a Monday, 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.

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 6th – Monday 13th November – Sponsored read,

Monday 20th November & Thursday 23rd November – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

Wednesday 29th November – School Nativity outfits in (more details to follow).

Wednesday 6th December – Woodville Halls Pantomime trip.

Friday 8th December – Christmas jumper today (donations for save the children)

Friday 8th December – School nativity jumpers in school (more information to follow)

Monday 11th December – Nativity 2:00pm (Must have tickets).

Tuesday 12th December – Nativity 9:30am (Must have tickets).

Wednesday 13th December – Elf Day and Christmas dinner day.

Monday 18th December – Church Christmas Service 10am.

Wednesday 20th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

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

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