



Autumn Term Two



I can't believe we are now on the countdown to Christmas!

The children already have one half-term under their belt and have settled well into the routines of Year Two. It was great to meet lots of parents at the recent parents evening before the holidays, we hope that you found them as useful as we did! We have a busy few weeks ahead of us now so here are a few things that you might need to know....

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th November- Pantomime in school in the afternoon-Peter Pan

Thursday 6th December- Christmas Fair after school in the hall

Monday 10th December pm- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 11th December- am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th December- KS1 Party in the morning- we have a magician coming along to entertain us all!

Further details to follow about all of the above.



Visits We are planning a visit to the local care home to sing and the church over the next half term to learn about the real meaning of Christmas and spread some festive cheer to others...dates to be confirmed so please do look out for letters.

Craft Materials...HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

We love crafting in Year 2 and have lots planned for over the festive period. We are in desperate need for the following items, if you have any lurking in draws that you would be happy to recycle please send in...

- Buttons, sequins and glitter
- Wrapping Christmas themed paper
- Ribbon, lace and string
- Cellophane paper
- Gold/silver paper and pens
- Tissue paper/crepe paper
- Pom-poms

Weekly Spellings

Tricky Words Group- Some children this week have received a Tricky Words Pack- if you have had this sent home please help your child to learn to read and spell these words and send the pack back to school on a Tuesday for us to change the words and send new ones out (this is only a small group of about 10 children)

The children will be tested this week on the KS1 Common words that we sent home before the holidays and we will continue with weekly class spellings also. They will be given on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday. Mrs Dutton will photocopy the book after the test if your child has words they need to practise again.

Homework



Rainbow Passport- tested on a Monday and Wednesday morning- please do keep helping your child to learn these key Maths facts.

Reading- SO many children have been reading at home lots and you can really see the progress in school. The children enjoyed our Jack and the Beanstalk reading challenge and we almost have some children at the top who will be entered into a reading prize draw at the end of the half term.

Topic Homework-we had some fabulous human body homework last half term and look forward to seeing this half terms fabulous creations- please see letter attached.

Spellings- see details on the front page

And Finally....

We are working really hard in school at encouraging the children to become more independent, one way you can support us at home too is by encouraging the children to bring their reading books and other items needed on the correct days.

We aim to read with each child at least once a week and some children two or three times. We will check their reading diaries and reward children who are reading at home each week, please do help them where possible.

The children are getting used to the systems in place in class and are remembering that there is a blue box in the classroom to pop their diary and book in should it need changing before we have listened to them read that week. Any problems with this then let me know.

Many thanks for your continued support so far, we can't thank you enough for your help in making this year a happy and successful one for your child! Any problems then please don't hesitate to pop in and see me,

Mrs Smith and the Y2 Team xxxx



Year 2 Topics Autumn 2



Our main topic this half term is 'Light, Electricity and Celebrations'

Literacy-Writing poems about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday, writing descriptions and stories. We are reading 'The Light House Keepers Lunch' and 'The Stick Man'. In grammar and punctuation lessons we are learning to use commas, capital letters, full stops and question marks all in the correct place.

Numeracy-addition on a number line, addition by partitioning (splitting numbers up), subtraction by counting up to find the difference, adding 3 single digits, adding tens and ones, using money-finding totals and giving change and learning our pairs of numbers to 10, 20 and 100 quickly and off by heart.

Science- Electricity, light and making circuits

RE- Festivals- covering Christmas and Diwali

Music- learning the songs for our Christmas production and using musical instruments- watch this space

History- Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

Art-Christmas Crafts, cards and calendars

PE- Elite and Football/ball skills (please send kit on a Wednesday and Thursday)

ICT- Using a key board, word and other programmes to help us to write.

PSHCE-Getting on and falling out.

