



Dear Parents

Welcome back!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the second half of our Autumn term. It is going to be a fast-moving, jam-packed few weeks with lots going on inside and outside of the classroom.

Reading at home

Please prompt your child on the way into class if they need to change their reading book. The vast majority should now be doing this independently. Children should not only be reading as fluently as they can, but would also benefit greatly from answering questions about the texts they are reading. We will provide a leaflet with various question stems to help with this; this will be sent home as a hard copy as well as being attached to the electronic version of this newsletter. Children should be encouraged to complete their weekly Reading Record task: write a new synopsis for the book, write about the traits of a favourite character, explore relationships, write about similarities and differences between two books they have read. You could turn the tables and let them ask you the questions!

At parents' evening a few parents asked for suggestions on reading materials. These websites include recommendations for Year 2 pupils:
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-2-pupils-ks1-age-6-7/>
<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/year-2>

MATHS

Our work in Maths this half term will focus on addition and subtraction. This will include number bonds to 10, fact families to 20, adding three one digit numbers, adding and subtracting crossing ones and tens.

PE

PE this term will be on a Monday and Friday!

All children need an interchangeable kit for indoor and outdoor use depending on the weather. Children need pumps and outdoor trainers. Please ensure everything has a name in. This term sees us learning gymnastics, balance, coordination and agility.

How you can help at home

Recapping quick mental maths, number bonds, times tables, doubles, halving.

Reading when possible and creating a love of reading.

Topic

In our topic learning this half term we will be finishing of our Victorian Topic. We will also explore The Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes as an infamous historical Figure. We will then move

onto a topic with a DT focus which dovetails with our English learning and is called 'Would you like a ride on the Polar Express?' Through this topic we will be designing and creating our own moving carriages for the Polar Express train. In Science we will link this with how natural and man-made materials can be changed and how objects move on different surfaces.

Our English writing is based on the book 'The Polar Express' and will interweave elements of our punctuation and grammar learning into a structured 'there and back again' story. We will also explore scenes from the film and will make some comparisons between the book and the film. We have been trying to work well together as a Year 2 team. We have decided that as our treat, if we consistently follow our SCARF principle, we are going to plan a pyjama afternoon where we will watch the Polar Express film with hot chocolate and treats! Details will be sent home closer to the time.

In Art we will be experimenting with different materials, which will fit alongside our other English focus book, 'Man on the Moon'. We will be looking at colour mixing, colour wheels, using paint and creating space creatures.

Nativity

As I am sure you are aware, Class 2 will be performing in the Key Stage 1 nativity towards the end of this half term. More information will be delivered soon.

If you have any concerns or would like to support in school, please feel free to speak to us. Please keep us informed of anything happening in your child's life which may have an impact on their well-being or academic success.

Here's to a busy, exciting year! We very much look forward to working with you and your children during the coming year.

Kind regards

Miss Evans and Miss Maloney.