

We have had a fantastic start to Year 2 and look forward to the next term ahead. We have some really exciting lessons planned which we have detailed for you below. We are also inviting parents in on Tuesday 19th December to look at books, we look forward to seeing you.

English - Writing

At the end of last term, we began to look at writing instructions and the different elements involved with this. For our first week back, we will be continuing to look at instructions as part of our non-fiction text. Children will then begin to write their own set of instructions for how to make seed bombs.

This term we will also be looking at some poetry and writing poems related to Bonfire Night.

Year 2 will also be writing a narrative as part of our fiction text which will be based on the BBC Christmas advert (2017) - My Christmas Star. For this unit, children will be learning to write using a range of descriptive techniques such as alliteration, simile and repetition. There will also be a focus on improving punctuation and grammar across writing pieces throughout this term.



English – Reading

As part of our reading curriculum this term Year 2 will be reading *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield and *The Owl and the Pussy Cat* by Edward Lear. Children will learn about the features of a poem. They will also learn a range of vocabulary and meanings from the key texts. Children will learn to make inferences from the text and justify these with evidence from the text.

Please also remember to listen to your child read at home at record in their reading record.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be learning how to add 10 more/less and how to add and subtract two digit numbers. We will then be using this to support us in solving mixed addition and subtraction and two step problems and how to find the difference between two numbers.

We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, using language such as vertices, edges and faces.



As always please talk to us about any worries or concerns you may have, either in person at the end of the day, or contact us by using Class Dojo or by phoning the office. Please also share any progress and celebrations with us too.

Thank you.

Science

This half term we are going to be focussing on 'Living things and their habitats' they will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They learn how to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats; and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

RE

In RE this term, our enquiry question is 'What was God's plan for Jesus?'. Within this, we will be looking at why Christians believe that Jesus was sent to Earth and how this relates to why Christmas is such an important time for them. We will also be revisiting the Christmas Story and how Christians prepare for Christmas with 'advent'. We will recap on some of the stories that we know about Jesus and how demonstrate his kindness.

Geography

In Geography this term, our enquiry question is 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'. Within this, we will be looking at similarities and differences between our local area and a contrasting non-European country, describing physical features that may occur in a hot place in comparison to a cold place. The children will also learn about and be able to locate all the world's seven continents on a world map.

Computing – Digital photography

The children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.

PSHE – Celebrating Differences

This half term we will be thinking about gender differences and what makes people special, we will be thinking about kindness and what makes a good friend. We will also be thinking about bullying, including activities during anti bullying week.



Art

This half term the children will be doing the unit 'Drawing: Marvellous Marks'. They will be exploring drawing using different materials including crayons, felt tips, chalks and pencils. They will be beginning to use their observational skills to draw. At the end of the unit they will create a self portrait using the skills they have learnt.



Music – Ho, ho, ho

Over the term the children will be listening to a range of different styles of music thinking about the pitch and tempo of the music that they are listening to.

We will talk about how the different music makes us feel using a variety of accurate vocabulary.

Other useful information

PE – Our PE days this term are...

Class 7 – Friday

Class 8 – Friday

Class 9 - Tuesday

Please ensure that earrings are removed on PE days, hair is tied up and PE kit is brought into school to remain on their peg for the term.

Year 2 will be inviting parents in to look at books on **Tuesday 19th December at 2.30.**

Websites –

<https://play.trockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://whizz.com/login/>