

Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Miss Smith and Miss Crosby will be out of class Wednesday afternoon when the children will have French and Music lessons. PE is Monday and Tuesday - please make sure that children have winter kit in school on these days.



Big Idea and Writing

Our Big Idea this half term is The Gunpowder Plot. Our subject driver is History and children will build knowledge of who Guy Fawkes was and what he believed. We will create firework art and visit London on the VR headsets. We will be focusing on questions and research in English. Children will be writing questions they would like to answer about Guy Fawkes; researching them on Chromebooks and then creating a factfile. We will then use Talk for Writing to learn all about the Houses of Parliament.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning a formal method for each of the four operations. We will learn all about column addition, subtraction on a numberline, arrays and the people method for division. We will continue regular arithmetic focusing on number bonds, times tables and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Phonics Reminder

Normally in Year 1, children undertake a phonics screening in the summer term, where the children are expected to read a range of real and alien words. Due to Covid, Year 2 did not get this opportunity so will be doing the screening in December but it is nothing to worry about and the children won't even know they are doing it! To prepare the children for this, and to support their reading and writing, we will be revising Phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds from Letters and Sounds with a daily Phonics session every morning.

Homework/helping at Home

We would love your children to read at home as much as possible. Banded school books will be sent home each week. Please may you ensure reading books and records are sent into school everyday. It is also important that children pick books that interest them too. Children will have access to the school library for books to read for pleasure in addition to anything they may have at home.

Practising basic number skills such as counting, 2, 5 and 10 times tables and telling the time will also help greatly.

Class Story

Our Class Story this half term is the classic novel 'Winnie the Pooh'. We will read the story daily and discuss character, plot and setting as well as make predictions.



Nativity

We will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action' as our Nativity this half term. Please look out for more information about your children's part and costumes needed.