



Year 2 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



Votes for Women Protest March!

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and we are really excited to be continuing our learning journey.

We will be delving into some exciting topics this half term and hope that the children will share this fascinating learning with you through discussions at home. If you have any questions at all, please do speak to us at the end of the school day.

Miss Walker, Miss Ates, Mrs Dalton Hutchinson, Miss Hodgson and Miss Cetinkaya

ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the Internet can be used to find information- you can use it to find out about pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the Internet.



IMPORTANT DATES

Book Fair

Friday 10th November -
Wednesday 15th November

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Christmas Performances

Week beginning 11th
December

Last day of term

Thursday 21st December

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please make sure your child has a book bag. Your child needs this if they are to take home their reading books and improve their reading. The book bags should be brought in to school every day, even if they haven't finished the books.

Please support your child to bring their P.E kit to school every Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

Please make sure you have children's names written on each item they bring to school so we can find them if they become lost.

English

In English this half term, we are reading the story 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.

We will be creating poems based on the themes in the story, writing descriptions and instructions for creating a star.

We will also be using adjectives to write similes and expanded noun phrases.

We will be learning about alliteration and how to use it to make our poems more interesting.

We will also be reading a book called 'Sulwe' that addresses being comfortable in your skin and loving everyone's differences.

Maths

In Maths we are learning about the different ways that we can complete addition and subtraction problems such as partitioning, counting on and back in our heads and the column method.

This half term we will be learning about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please do practise this at home!

We will then shift our focus on to Shape. We will explore both 2D and 3D shapes, their properties in terms of sides, vertices and edges. We will also explore symmetry, sorting shapes based on varying properties and spotting patterns.

TOPIC FOCUS: STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

In the second half of the Autumn term, our Creative Curriculum topic will be "Stand Up For Your Rights". This is an exciting topic that explores the history of famous people who stood up for what they believe in, such as the Suffragettes, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Barack Obama. In Art we will be printing and designing our own posters about one of the children's UN rights. We will be using colour, texture and patterns, as well as learning new printing skills to create our posters. Our Science topic this term is materials. We will be learning all about what materials different objects are made from. We will also be learning about how materials can be changed by squashing, stretching, twisting and bending.

HOME LEARNING

We encourage you to read with your child at least 10 minutes every day. Please record the books your child reads in their reading champion book. There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible!

Children will be given weekly number facts and spelling homework, which they will then be tested on the following week. The children should become fluent and aim to answer each number fact question in under 5 seconds! They can earn certificates for scoring 40-44 over consecutive weeks.

