

Y5B Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Autumn 2!

We have done it! One full half - term completed and I couldn't be prouder of you all. You have all come such a long way already in only 7 weeks with both your work, your behaviour and your attitude to learning. Mrs Donnelly and I are very excited for Autumn 2 as we have lots of new exciting things to learn and do together, including making some very delicious gingerbread. I hope you have had a well-deserved rest and have come back fully refreshed for this new half term. From Mrs Brocklehurst.

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Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday.

Children need the following P.E. kit in school.



White T-Shirt



Navy blue or black shorts



Trainers or pumps

Please make sure that earrings are removed for P.E. days.

Homework



Spellings are given out on a Monday ready for a test on Friday. One column should be completed each night with the final column completed in class on Friday morning.

Maths homework is set on MyMaths on Friday and is due on the following Thursday. If children cannot complete the homework online, they can use a paper copy.

Reading books are changed weekly. Children are expected to read at home for 20 minutes a day. Reading Diaries must be signed each day.

TT Rockstars should be used at least weekly to help the children with their learning of the times tables.

Important Dates



Parents Evening: Tuesday 11th November

Music Afternoon: Monday 15th December

Christmas Party Day: Wednesday 17th December

What we are learning this half term:

English

We will be reading the following texts:



We will be using these texts to write both a myth and a non-chronological report. The second text is linked to our history topic (Anglo - Saxons and Vikings) this term.

Science: Properties and Changes of Materials

We will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties and decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. We will also explore reversible and irreversible changes.

History: The Anglo Saxons and Vikings

We will learn where the Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Frisians came from. We will learn why they came to Britain and consider the question: 'Who was more successful between Saxons and Vikings in Britain?'



Maths

This term, there will be a focus mainly on using a protractor to measure and draw angles in degrees. We will learn to recognise and classify angles as obtuse, acute and reflex. We will also be learning to identify and name parts of a circle including diameter, radius and circumference. For more details, please see the overview on our class page on the school website.

RE: Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise

We will be learning about important leaders from the Old Testament, most significantly King David. We will be exploring the Rosary and the O'Antiphons.



D.T: Making Gingerbread

We will explore different kinds of gingerbread as well as designing, making, our own gingerbread Christmas themed biscuits and packaging. Children will suggest ways in which our recipe/design may be improved.



Music:

We will be creating pitched melodies, listening to music by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and learning Christmas Comes to Town.

P.E: Gymnastics and Hockey

We will be learning about the rules of hockey and how we can develop different skills in the game. We will also use different apparatus in gymnastics.

PHSE: Under Pressure

We will be learning about how to be resilient and how to handle situations of conflict or where we feel under pressure.

German: Time in the city

We will be revising German towns and cities, places in a town and Christmas traditions.