Year 2 Newsletter
Autumn

Welcome to Year 2.

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope that you have all had a lovely break and are ready to tackle another busy few weeks. We are really looking forward to this half term. It will be jam packed with more new topics, Nativity rehearsals and a continuation of the hard work from Autumn 1!

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you have anything that you wish to discuss.

Mrs Holt and Mrs Hughes ☺

Key Dates:

Bonfire Bingo— Tuesday 3rd November

Individual photographs—Wednesday 4th November

Parents' Evenings — 9th and 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week—16th November

Y1/2 Cinema trip—19th November

Christmas Fair—Monday 7th December

Nativity performances—14th and 15th December (2pm) Ticket info to follow

Whole School Pantomime—17th December

Reading

Your child will bring home phonics books to match their learning. They will read once a week in school, and will need to read at home. Books will be changed on their reading day, as long as they have read the book at home.

We will be starting to use our library this half term. Keep an eye out for a book coming home soon!

We will also be reading a class novel each week. This half term we will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl.

PE Reminders

Our PE days, this term, are Mondays and Thursdays. Children will need to have indoor and outdoor kits in school all week. Indoor kit includes a yellow James Brindley T-short, blue shorts, and pumps. Outdoor kit includes unnamed jogging bottoms/leggings, jumper or hoody, trainers, and spare socks. Earrings must be removed before the lesson.

Keep up to date....

Class news and photographs will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation, and on blogs on our school website. Please look out for a notification of these updates.

Our Curriculum Overview

ENGLISH

In English we are starting off with a film unit called 'The Tiny Crusader'. Towards the end of the half term we will be completing work based on our whole school text: 'Coming Home'.

MATHS

In Maths, this term, we will be finishing our addition and subtraction topic, then moving onto 2D and 3D shapes. After that we will look at multiplication, statistics, fractions, and capacity, before finishing the half term with money.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be moving onto materials. We will be focusing on properties of materials, as well as suitability—through investigation. After that we will be testing how materials change under pressure.

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will be using Spreadsheets –using 2Calculate, focusing on how to enter, organise, and manage data in rows and columns. formatting, and carrying out simple calculations.

HISTORY

In History, we will be looking at a variety of different History Makers—starting with Guy Fawkes. We will be discussing the criteria of a History Maker.

ART

In Art, our next topic will be 'Expressive Painting' - building on their environment and observational drawing from last half term—looking at representational images and abstract creations.

RE

In RE, our first topic will be 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' This will include finding out about Muslim ways of life and beliefs.

Home Learning

English & Maths

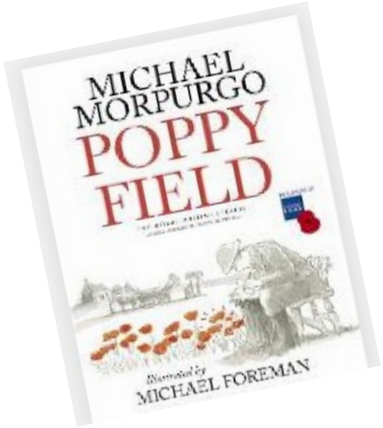
Please continue to practise cursive hand-writing with your child. You will receive a Times Table Rock Stars log in to use at home. Here, your child can practise their times table skills.

There are also lots of online games that can help with addition, subtraction, multi-plication and division that your child can play at home, with you.

Phonics/Spelling

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions which run from 9am-9.30am. Phonics groups are streamed based on your child's phonic knowledge, their ability to segment and blend and their tricky word recognition All staff who lead phonics groups have been fully trained in the delivery of our phon-ics scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'. The children will receive weekly spellings which link directly to the sounds they have been working on in phonics during the week. Spellings will be given out each Friday. The spelling sheet that the children bring home does not need to be returned to school, it is just for them to practise with you at home. Although the children will not be tested on their spellings, we will use them for handwriting and other activities. An assessment of all words will be done at the end of the half term.

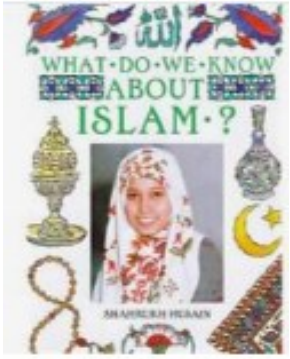
To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:













Online Resources

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction