

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Mon, Tues and Weds – Mrs Wragg
Thurs and Fri – Miss Koza

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready to go. Our exciting topic for this half term will be **Islands**.

In **English** we will be complete a senses poetry unit and will also be looking at stories with familiar settings which will focus on the story The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We will write recipes for our own sandwiches and will explore the main characters in the story.



During our **Geography** lessons we will explore continents and oceans, the human and physical features of Islands and how they are formed. In **History** we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

In **Art** we will be making art out of nature. This will include leaf rubbings, printing and making sculptures. We will also create shadow art and make our own Florence lanterns!

During our **ICT** lessons we will begin by looking at information technology that is all around us and will then be learning about digital photography by capturing and changing digital photographs.

This term Year 2 will be taught **fundamental skills** by an external coach. These lessons will take place on a Monday morning until the half term holiday. Our second PE lesson will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child arrives at school dressed in their PE kit on these days. We will also be using our daily mile track every day to improve our fitness!



During **Science** lessons we will learn all about living things and their habitats, where you explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions *What is the good news that Jesus brings?* and *Why is Christmas important to Christians?* with Mrs Mason.



Upcoming Events

Thursday 30th Sept Penny Run

Fri 1st Oct Black History Day and Harvest Festival food collection

Friday 8th Oct Harvest festival Year 1&2
9.30am (church service)

Tuesday 19th Oct Parents evening 1.30-4.30

Thursday 21st Oct Parents evening 3.50-6.30

Friday 22nd Oct inset day

Monday 25th Oct – Friday 29th October -
Half Term

Friday 5th Nov Datchet's Got Talent

Friday 3rd Dec Christmas Fair

Wednesday 8th Dec KS1 Christmas play
2pm and 6pm

Thursday 16th Dec Term ends 1.30

Activities to do at home:

Please read with your child regularly. Ask them questions to check their understanding and encourage them to re-read the book to improve fluency and accuracy. Your child will be sent home with 2 books on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework will be given on a Friday and will be collected in the following Wednesday.

Spellings – These will be set on a Friday for a test the following Friday.

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables - Doodle Tables is good for this. They should also be encouraged to go on Doodle Maths (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding.

We will be reinforcing place value and exploring strategies for adding and subtracting in **Maths**. We will also work hard to recall facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to look at fractions and time.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Wragg and Miss Koza