

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready to go. Our exciting topics for this term will be **Horrid Henry** and **Florence Nightingale**.

In **English** we will be writing character and setting descriptions, stories, poems and instructions using bossy verbs. We will also be looking at diary writing and information texts.

During our **Geography** lessons we will explore the 4 countries of the UK and its seas, the human and physical features of the UK and how we use maps. In **History** we will be learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

In **DT** we will be designing a healthy snack for Horrid Henry and looking at how we can package this snack. We will then be making our own healthy snack in cooking. In **Art** we will be sketching objects and then making them out of clay.

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 in **PE** Year 2 will be taught **fundamental skills**. These lessons will take place on a Wednesday and Friday 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 healthy eating and the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. We will also be learning about animals, their offspring and life cycles.

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.

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.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13th September PTA launch

Friday 30th September Penny Run

Monday 3rd October Black History day

Friday 7th Oct Harvest festival Year 1 & 2
9.30am (church service)

Tuesday 18th Oct Parents evening 1.30-4.30

Thursday 20th Oct Parents evening 3.50-6.30

Friday 21st October inset day

Friday 4th November year 2 class assembly

Friday 18th November Datchet's got talent

Friday 2nd Dec Christmas Fair

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

Thursday 15th 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 Monday 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.