

Year 2 Chestnut Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back! This term our exciting topic will be 'Islands'.

In **English** we will be looking at stories with familiar settings and 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.



Our **Art** lessons will focus on studying different artists and using different techniques to create self-portraits.

During our **ICT** lessons we will be looking at the importance of staying safe when we are online and keeping our personal information private. We will also be creating, saving and manipulating a range of digital content.

This term Year 2 will be taught **yoga** by an external coach. These lessons will take place on Thursday afternoons until the half term holiday. **Games** will take place on Monday afternoons and we will be working on basic skills through activities that will develop throwing, catching, running and jumping abilities. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days including a pair of plimsolls or trainers with a good grip.



During **Science** lessons the children will be looking at all living things, lifecycles and electricity.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions *what did Jesus teach* and *why did God give Jesus to the World?*

In **Maths** this half term we will be reinforcing place value and will continue to explore strategies for adding and subtracting two digit numbers. Children should become really confident in recalling facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as we will be applying this knowledge to more word based multiplication and division problems. We will also be learning to count in steps of three and will apply this to the 3 times table.



Upcoming Events

Friday 11th October Year 2 Assembly

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November -Half Term

Activities to do at home:

Please read with your child regularly at home. Ask them questions to check their understanding and encourage them to re-read the book to improve fluency and accuracy.

Homework – We will give English and Maths homework on a Friday and will collect completed work for marking on the following Thursday.

Spelling – These will be given out with the homework on Friday for a test the following Friday.

Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and practice their times tables. They should also be encouraged to go onto Doodle Maths (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.