

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready to go. We have lots of exciting learning happening this term.

In **English** we will be using the book *Horrid Henry* to write 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 be exploring the features of maps, our local area and what human and physical are. In **History** we will be learning all about The Romans and The Roman Empire.

In **Art** we will be looking at landscapes using Turner's *Snowstorm* and Constable's *Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows* as well as symmetry in art through *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci. In **DT** we will be looking at cooking and nutrition and the hidden sugars in drinks and foods. We will then use this information to design and make a healthy wrap.

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, gymnastics and dance**. These lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Friday in Autumn 1 and Monday and Friday in Autumn 2. Please make sure your child arrives at school dressed in their PE kit on these days.



During **Science** lessons we will learn all about The Human Body. We will study the skeleton, circulatory system, and digestive system. We will also learn about Living things. Things that are alive, dead, never alive. We will discuss different types of habitats and food chains.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions *What is the good news that Jesus brings? and why is Christmas important to Christians?* We will also learn about Diwali and the many meanings of the Aum symbol in the Hindu religion.



We will be reinforcing place value and exploring strategies for adding and subtracting in **Maths**. We will

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 3rd October Harvest festival
- Monday 16th October Black history week
- Monday 16th October Parents evening
- Thursday 19th October Parents evening
- Friday 20th October Last day of half term
- Monday 30th October Inset day
- Tuesday 31st October school returns
- Tuesday 14th November Open day for new parents
- Friday 17th November Datchet's got talent/ Christmas Pantomime
- Monday 20th November Founders day
- Wednesday 6th Dec KS1 Christmas play
- 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 new 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.

also work hard to recall facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to look at fractions and time.