

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** in Autumn 1 we will be using the books 'A walk in London' to help us to design posters and write our own local walking guide and Horrid Henry to write character and setting descriptions and instructions using bossy verbs. In Autumn 2 we will read the Dragon Machine and use this text to help us write a Dragon spotting Guide and informal letters using words containing the prefix – un.

During our **Geography** lessons we will be exploring the features of maps, our local area and what human and physical features 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, and dance**. Please make sure your child arrives at school dressed in their PE kit.

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 question 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' And 'What are the important features of a Christian prayer?'



Upcoming Events

- Friday 4th October Harvest festival
- Monday 14th October Black history week
- Tuesday 15th October Parents evening
- Thursday 17th October Parents evening
- Friday 25th October Last day of half term
- Monday 4th November Inset day
- Tuesday 5th November school returns
- Friday 8th November class assembly
- Wednesday 13th November Open day for new parents
- Friday 15th November Datchet's got talent/ Christmas Pantomime
- Thursday 5th December KS1 Christmas play 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 20th December 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.

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.

