

★ Year 2 ★ Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Two 2018

Welcome to a new school year and Autumn term! It sounds like the children have had an amazing time over the summer holidays and they have made a great start to the year. Here are some of the things that will be going on this half term...

Literacy



In Literacy the children will be reading 'Rapunzel' and 'The Kiss that Missed', which both link perfectly with our first topic: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. They will be examining the features of (and writing their own) stories, descriptions and instruction texts. They will also be reminded of the importance of full stops and capital letters and learning how to edit their work and check for errors, in order to fix them.



Maths

This year the children will focus on the place value, addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. This term, they will also start to learning multiplication and division in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Assertive mentoring weekly skills checks will be completed on a Monday and this will include some mental maths.



PE

Bolton Coaches will now be leading all PE sessions, which will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. This half term the children will be focussing on awareness, throwing and catching.

Please make sure PE kits are in school for every lesson!

Science

In Science, the children will be discussing the properties of different materials, grouping them and using their knowledge to help them build towers and bridges that can withstand attacks during our castle topic!

Music

In Music, we will be looking at how we can use music and rhymes to help us remember important things, and we will also have a go at writing and performing class songs.

Art and Design Technology

The children will be using observational skills to sketch castles, using natural materials to create images and using different modelling techniques to create towers from clay.



Computing

Computing will start to get quite tricky later on in the year, so the children will spend the first half term reminding themselves of some of the basics of computing: logging on to the computer and other websites, sharing work with others online and commenting appropriately on other people's work. This will tie in with e-safety, which we cover at the start of every year so that children know how to stay safe online.

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

This half term, we will be learning all about castles and their defences! Children will be locating famous castles in England using maps and satellites, and researching the people who lived in them. They will also be designing and building towers and bridges, using different types of materials.

The first open session this year will take place at the end of term.

RE

The name of our first RE unit this half term is "God's Chosen People". We will learn about and discuss how God chose us all individually; giving us all unique qualities, which we need to help spread His message.

For homework, the children will be given a variety of different activities to complete: a Maths sheet will be sent home each week, along with their writing book, for weekend news, and weekly spellings. They will also get one reading book a week, which will be changed on a Tuesday, though please feel free to let me know about any other books they are reading. Throughout the school, children are expected to read and practise times table everyday (2s, 10s, 5s and 3s for Year 2). Topic homework sheets will be sent home when topics change every half term, but these are only expected every other week, as I know you like to spend time on them with the children. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and talk to me, either by appointment via the school office or at the door in a morning or evening. Miss Turner and Mrs Disley ☺