

★ Year 2 ★ Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Two 2018

I hope that the children have had a fun and relaxing half-term holiday and are ready to start the next few weeks leading up to Christmas. Here is what will be getting up to.

Literacy



The book we are looking at this half term is Traction Man! The children will be changing and inventing new parts of the story and will start to look at some new genres of writing, such as adverts and reports. They will also be starting to think more carefully about joining their sentences using different types of conjunctions and learning about verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs.



Maths

There will be a big focus on multiplication and division this half term, particularly for the 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and starting talk about their properties. Each week we will also recap fractions.



PE

PE sessions will continue to be delivered by our fantastic Key PE Sports coach, Mr Fenton, on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. This half term they are looking at gymnastics and dance. **Please make sure PE kits are in school for every lesson, including pumps for indoor sessions.**

Science

We will be examining every day materials that are used in the local environment, both man-made and natural. We will also look at and learn about plants we can find around our school grounds.

Music

This half term the children will be participating in lots of singing and dancing as we begin practising this year's Nativity performance!

Street Detectives

The Street Detectives topic is all about our local area and what we might find there. The children will be looking at maps and atlases to locate the places we live in, and will take a walk around Ladybridge to see what kinds of things you can find in a town like Bolton.

Open Session: Friday 14th December, 3:00-3:30pm

Art and Design Technology

Each child will be asked to bring a box this half term to build their own house, which we will find using Google Maps satellites.



Computing

Our topic for Computing over the next few weeks is Digital Literacy. The children will have the opportunity to practise their typing and editing skills using Word and similar simple programmes. They will also learn how to save and open documents in order to come back to them at a later date.

RE

The name of our seconds RE unit is 'Mysteries', where we will look at some of the amazing things Jesus did in his lifetime. We will also be learning the Christmas story, in both RE sessions and through our Nativity.

Homework will be the same this half-term: Maths homework will be set each week, along with one, short writing activity 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. Children will receive a dojo for each activity the complete and for every time they read at home. Throughout the school, children are expected to read and practise times table everyday (2s, 10s, 5s and 3s for Year 2). A new homework sheet with a list of Topic activities will be sent too, 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 ☺