



Newsletter



Monday 31st October 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 31 st October		
Tuesday 1 st November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. Cinema night - Hotel Transylvania (finish at 5pm) Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 2 nd November		PTA meeting 2.30pm at school - all welcome. Come and join us to help plan future events in and around school.
Thursday 3 rd November	Year 2 & Class 2	Back to school coffee 9am - all welcome. Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you.
Friday 4 th November	Whole school	Singing
Monday 7 th November		
Tuesday 8 th November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. Forest School session
Wednesday 9 th November		
Thursday 10 th November	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 11 th November	Whole school	Singing



Please contact our school office on 220230 as soon as possible if your child is absent or you have any changes to normal hometime arrangements- thank you.

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – 'Into the Dark' Book of the week- Halloween stories and rhymes.

Communication and Language- We will listen carefully to songs and rhyming stories such as 'Room on A Broom', paying careful attention to how they sound. We will play a Halloween rhyme game.

Personal and Social Development- We will think about the feelings of characters in our stories.

Physical Development – In PE, we will continue to take part in a range of games with Mr Ellison. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up ingredients for spooky potions. We will practice our pincer grip in creating diva pots using salt dough.

Literacy- We will be writing Halloween party invitations and spooky recipes for magic spells. We will be following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme. This week we will be learning the letter sounds e, l, h and sh and we will practice writing the letters learnt so far in glitter.

Mathematics- We will focus on matching number symbols to number quantity/ value. We will continue to explore the composition of the numbers 1-5. We will play a Halloween target game focusing on these numbers.

Understanding the World – We will talk about what we did for Halloween and what we might do for Bonfire Night. We will also learn about the hindu festival of Diwali.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will create our own bonfire night pictures using chalks. We will develop storylines linked to the stories we are listening to and create props for our pretend play.

Year 1:

Maths- We will be looking at addition this week, in particular, introducing part-whole models and using these to help us create number sentences. Following on from this, we will use our knowledge of number sentences to create fact families.

English- We will be starting our new book called 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. We will be practicing using adjectives as we get into the role of the main character and to describe the dark and will have a go at creating a class poem to describe the dark.

Science- We are starting our next topic looking at Materials. This week we will look at different types of materials, practicing naming them and thinking about what we use each material for in everyday life.

History- Starting our topic on The Great Fire of London, we will look at London in 1666 and present day. We will compare pictures and paintings from each time and decide whether the pictures are from the past or present.

R.E- We will be looking at why people give gifts at Christmas. As part of this, we will talk about some of the presents we would give other people at Christmas and have a go at drawing a picture we would give someone else at Christmas.

DT- In DT this half term, we will be creating our own fire engines. This week we will look at how fire engines are built and what they have inside them. We will have a go at labelling a fire engine to show all of the main parts.

P.E- We will be starting our Gymnastics work in PE with Mr Ellison.

P.S.H.E- This half term we will be focusing on celebrating differences.

How to help at home- please try and read at least 3 times a week and practice our weekly spellings.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. This week we will be writing a found poster for the toys that have arrived in our classroom. We will also be focusing on conjunctions and using them to write a diary entry.

Maths: Our topic is addition and subtraction. This week we will be adding a 1 digit number to a 2 digit numbers then moving on to adding multiples of 10 to a 2 digit number.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be doing an experiment on the best material for a witch's cauldron. We will be doing lots of tests to help us decide.

History: Toys from the past. This week we will learning about our favourite toys and talking about different types of toys.

Design Technology: Moving pictures. This week we will be exploring moving pictures and making our own sliding mechanism.

Computing: Computer art. This week we will be using the paint app on the i-pads to paint a picture.

R.E: Our topic this half term is why is light and dark important to Christians at Christmas? We will be exploring what Christians do in the lead up to Christmas.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Ho, ho, ho' and we will be learning to identify different musical instruments. We will be learning to sing Christmas songs.

P.E: Gymnastics and swimming.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is celebrating difference. This week we will be exploring assumptions made about girls and boys and the jobs that they do.

How to help at home: Can you write down your number bonds to 100?

Class 2

English - This week we start our new book 'Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age' by Raymond Briggs. We will begin by looking at an illustration at the start of the book and making predictions about the characters and what the story will be about. We will be considering how the punctuation used tells us how the character is speaking. We will be creating a 'Role on the Wall' for Ug and showing what we have found out about him so far. We will also be working on creating our own scripts and sets of instructions for games in the Stone Age.

Maths -

Year 3 - This week we will be adding and subtracting numbers with exchanges. We will then be working with 2 and 3 digit numbers to add and subtract. We will also be recapping our 2, 5 and 10 times tables before we begin to progress onto 3, 4 and 8 times tables in a few weeks time.

Year 4 - We will be subtracting with exchanges this week before moving onto efficient subtraction. We will then begin to estimate answers to addition and subtraction questions using our rounding skills.

Science - We begin our electricity topic this week by deciding if appliances are mains or battery powered.

History - We are learning about the Stone Age this half term to link with our English book, we will begin by learning about the different parts of the Stone Age and creating time lines to show these.

RE - This half term we are learning about Christmas journeys. We will be learning about who Mary and Joseph were as well as being to identify where Nazareth is.

Design and Technology - This half term we are doing light up signs. We will begin by considering where we see light up signs in public.

PSHE – Families and exploring how each family is different.

French - This week we are going to be learning how to say 'This is my...' about family members such as grandparents, parents, brother, sisters etc.

Computing - We are going to be exploring how the internet works this week.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Helping at home - can you explore different appliances at home and identify if they are powered by mains or battery?



We are very fortunate to have an additional teacher working with us this term on a supply basis.

Miss Charlotte Hickie will be joining us on (mostly) Fridays – mostly in Reception but potentially to be a support to all classes. We look forward to working with her.

After school clubs...

- We'll have no clubs this week but have a cinema night after school on Tuesday (1st Nov)

We'll be watching 'Hotel Transylvania' with hot dogs and drinks for £4 – please see Parentpay to confirm your child's place. Expected time to finish : 5pm.

- 'Full of Beans' will begin again next Monday – we're waiting for new information with the details.
- Sports activities will begin again next Tuesday (8th November) We'll add permission slips and consent to Parentpay(no charge)



Back to school coffee.

Please come and make yourself at home for another coffee get-together in the school hall this Thursday. This is a teacher/child free session offering an opportunity for families to sit together and have a coffee and a chat.

Overheard in the corridor last time,

"It's nice for mams to make new friends too."

Indeed it is!

Cinderella : please check that we have your consent & payment for this upcoming visit – thank you.