

Home-School Link Letter

Year: 2 Term: Autumn 2



English	<p>In English this half term we will be studying a non-fiction unit called: 'Does Chocolate Grow on Trees?'</p> <p>In this unit children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the interactive eBook and watch a film, find information and explore the layout of explanation texts• Create a simple flow chart• Use expanded noun phrases to create a slogan• Plan, edit and write their own explanation texts based on a model <p>Additionally, we will do weekly Guided Reading, Phonics and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) sessions.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term we will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Order numbers• Calculate 10p more/less• Add and subtract 10/20/30 from 2-digit numbers• Identify position, direction and movement• Convert cm and mm• Find doubles to 15• Add and subtract 2-digit numbers• Add several small numbers• Discover number sequences - 2s/5s/10s• Find the total of coins <p>The children will also have weekly 'Problem Solving and Reasoning' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily 'Mental Maths' activities. Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables as these are valuable to most areas of Maths.</p>
Science	<p>In Science this half term we will be exploring the topic 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal habitats• Recognise how different habitats provide for the basic needs of animals and plants• Exploring the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive• Food chains• Micro-habitats

<p>Topic</p>	<p>In Topic this half term your child will be studying: 'Famous for More Than Five Minutes'</p> <p>In this unit we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about the influential life of Rosa Parks and understanding her courageous acts against unfairness • Exploring inventors from history, and examining Leonardo Da Vinci's parachute • Learning about influential figures in the worlds of literature, mathematics and medicine
<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>On Monday afternoons, children will be participating in a gymnastic module followed by a games module. All sessions will build on skills and support children in working as a team and evaluating their work.</p> <p>Please ensure all kit is in school, earrings are removed and long hair is tied up on Monday's.</p>	<p><u>ICT/ Computing</u></p> <p>In Year 2 the children will be learning about: 'Spreadsheets'. They will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing online safety • Copying and Pasting Totalling tools • Using a spreadsheet to add amounts • Creating a table and block graph
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>During RE this half term we will be focusing on: 'Celebrations'. The children will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beliefs of some of the major religions through the festivals • Significance of festivals and what they mean for those who belong to that religion • Lives, families and communities 	<p><u>PHSE</u></p> <p>During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: 'Communities'. The children will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to care for the environment around them • Environmental problems that are happening around us • Different communities around the world • An ideal community
<p><u>Reading Information:</u></p> <p>In Year 2 we are encouraging your children to continue to be enthusiastic readers. To support this, children will be able to change their books throughout the week. It is imperative that all Reading Record books are brought in to school every day so we can communicate messages to you and inform you of the work your child is completing. Please ensure an adult at home listens to your child read and completes their Reading Record at least once a week. Please remind children if they need their book changing to put the book in the box. This is located at the front of the classroom in a morning so that it can be changed during the day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Dates</u></p> <p>Reading Book changed - Children are responsible for changing their reading books by placing them in the yellow tray at the front of class.</p> <p>Spelling test -Friday</p> <p>Mental Maths test - Wednesday</p> <p>PE Kit -Monday. We advise PE kits are kept in school all week and will be returned each half term to be washed.</p> <p>Celebration Harvest Festival- Friday 10th November</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">What else can you do to help your child?</p> <p>You may choose to visit a library, look on the internet or talk to your child about the areas they are learning.</p> <p>You may also want to visit the Purple Mash, Reading Wise and Active Learn websites using the log-in details handed out at the start of the term.</p> <p>Please continue to practice spellings and number bonds or times tables and read your child's home/school books.</p> <p>Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any advice or have any suggestions or concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your continued support.</p>	