




Information for Parents and Carers
Class 2: Autumn Term 2

Why Do We Celebrate Bonfire Night?

The focus of this half term's **History** work is to learn about the story of Guy Fawkes and his plan to blow up King James and the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

<p>English:</p> <p><u>Fiction</u> This half term we are going to focus on fantasy stories. We will be looking at two texts by the author John Burningham called 'Oi! Get Off Our Train' and 'The Magic Bed'.</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> We will be writing a recount describing the special visit of a theatre company to our school and writing our important letters to Father Christmas.</p> <p>Phonics will be taught separately to each year group using a mixture of practical, written and interactive resources. Handwriting lessons will take place daily, when the children will learn to write in a cursive style.</p>	<p>Maths:</p> <p>In Maths we will be covering the following topics: Numbers and place value Measures – capacity and volume (Yr1) Money Time Fractions Multiplication and division (Yr2) Statistics (Yr2)</p> <p>We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.</p> 	<p>Science:</p> <p>This half term's Science topic is Everyday Materials. We will be learning about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. We will then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. We are going to investigate the best materials The Three Little Pigs could use to make their houses. We will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. We are going to learn about new discoveries which have been made over time with a specific focus on John McAdam. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including discussions, debates, sequencing and a local walk where we will work scientifically to identify the uses of everyday materials in the local area.</p>
<p>PE & Games:</p> <p>This term's PE involves Football and Dance. Lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mr Ryder will be teaching the Football and Ms Adams the Dance. We will also be attempting to regularly complete the Friezland Mile.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.</p>	<p>Cross Curricular Learning:</p> <p>In History we are learning about the significant event of the Gunpowder Plot. The children will find out about individuals involved in the plot including Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and Thomas Percy. Activities like speaking and listening, hot seating, role play, sequencing events and designing posters will make our learning exciting. Our RE theme is entitled, 'Celebrations' and we will be learning about how and why celebrations are important in religion. Our Computing unit is 'Lego Builders' and 'Technology Outside School'. Our PSHE work will be learning how to say NO to Bullying. The Music topic is called 'The Way We Walk/Banana Rap' and is focused on the two styles of Reggae and Hip Hop. In Art we will learn about choosing, using and mixing colours to create quality art work. We will explore the life and work of six key abstract artists and create pictures in a range of abstract styles. In MFL the class are going to learn a Christmas song in French.</p>	
<p>Class 2 – Dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th/14th November – Parent Teacher Meetings• 6th December – Christmas Fair• 10th December – Infant Nativity• 16th December – Carol Service @ Church	<p>How you can help at home:</p> <p>Home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will usually consist of Athletics and TT Rock Stars activities for everyone to complete. There will also be a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. A weekly times table challenge will take place to encourage the children to learn their times tables. Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has written a comment in their reading record. New reading books will be given out on your child's reading day.</p>	

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