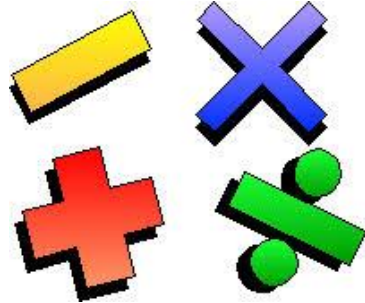


Information for Parents and Carers

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. 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. We have a special visit from the company 'One Day Creative' who are running an exciting and educational workshop for us too.

<p>English: Fiction: 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'. Non-fiction: 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. 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. SPAG – punctuating sentences using capital letters, full stops (Y1) and introducing question marks and exclamation marks and using expanded noun phrases to describe (Y2).</p>	<p>Maths: In Maths we will be covering the following topics: Addition and Subtraction (Y1/Y2) Geometry: Shape (Y1) Number: Place Value within 20 (Y1) Measurement: Money (Y2) Multiplication and Division (Y2)</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: 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 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: This term's PE involves Outdoor Games and Tennis. Lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with qualified sports coaches. 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: Our focus in Computing will be Online safety, Exploring Purple Mash and Maze Explorers. PSHCE and SEAL work will be learning how to say NO to Bullying. 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. During Design Technology we are going to use different materials to create a fiery Bonfire Night collage. In French we will include greetings, understanding how to ask and say our names and learning the numbers 1 to 12. Finally, our Music topic is called 'Hey You!' which will be introducing pulse, rhythm and pitch through the musical genres of Hip Hop and Rap.</p>	
<p>Class 2 – Dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th November – Guy Fawkes Workshop 11th/16th November – Parent Teacher Meetings 19th November – Break the Rules Day 14th December – Christmas Lunch 15th December – Christmas Party 	<p>How you can help at home: Class 2 home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will usually consist of Mathletics activities for everyone to complete. Year 2 will also be given some tasks on TT Rockstars. There will be a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. 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 for home practice when your child has read to an adult at school.</p>	

