



## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1B.

### English:

Reading: We will take part in daily Phonics sessions where we will learn to recognise and read a range of sounds and words. We will also build our accuracy, fluency and storytelling voice by reading decodable books. In addition, we will have the opportunity to read and enjoy a range of texts in our reading area/classroom

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'The Night Gardener'. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a narrative for our fiction writing and a diary entry as our non-fiction focus.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lessons this half term, we will be working on the following:

Unit 3: adding the suffix 'y'      Unit 4: adding the suffix 'ly'

### Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number (addition and subtraction), measurement (money), statistics, number (multiplication and division) and measurement (weight and capacity).

### Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Animals including Humans. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- notice that animals, including humans, have offspring, which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

### Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Christmas: Why was the birth of Jesus such good news? The aims of this topic is to look at the story of Christmas from the perspective that it was good news then and now and the Christian Values we will explore are hope, love and faith. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: How is good news delivered? Who passes on good news? Why was the birth of Jesus good news? Why is this news so important? What difference did it make to the world? How did the good news spread further? How is this good news told today? How is this good news celebrated today? How can it still be good news when it is very old news? What do angels do? and What do angels look like?

### Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is 'What are the features of a cold place?'

We will be learning about the locations of the North and South Poles. The locations of the seven continents and five oceans. Weather patterns in relation to the Equator.

### Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be doing:

Games.

Our PE day this half term will be a Friday.

### Music:

In Music this half term we will be listening to and appraising the song, 'Ho, Ho, Ho' by Joanna Mangona. We will also be learning how to play the glockenspiels to accompany this song and be working towards a class performance of this song by the end of half term.

### Art

This half term we will be developing our drawing skills through our topic 'Tell a story'. We will be exploring skills such as; cross-hatching, scribbling and stippling.

### Computing:

Our computing topic this half term is Information Technology: using software to present our own work as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

### PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Celebrating Differences. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Boys and Girls 1

Boys and Girls 2

Why does bullying happen?

Standing up for myself and others

Gender Diversity

Celebrating Difference and still being friends

### Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

November - National Literacy Trust - Non-Fiction November

11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day

12<sup>th</sup> November - Diwali

13<sup>th</sup> November - World Kindness Day

14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying week

18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

### Church visits:

This half term, we will be performing our Nativity in church on 17<sup>th</sup> December.