

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Key dates

Inset Day - Monday 4th November
Wonder Dome visitor - Tuesday 5th November
Firework display - Wednesday 6th November
Remembrance Assembly - Monday 11th November
Children in Need - Friday 15th November
Kindness week 18th-22nd November ,
We Are One Event
Author Visit- Thursday 21st November
Christmas Fayre- 3,30 Thursday 5th December
Elf ridges FOM's organised- Friday 6th November
Christmas Concert - Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th December
Christmas lunch/ Father Christmas visit - Thursday 19th December
Christmas parties/ last day of term - Friday 20th December

Next half term our English theme in Year 2 will be Space!



Reminder:
celebration assembly at 2:30 on the 7th at Moorings Way

Half term project

To kick off our Space topic we would like you to choose one of the space projects below to complete over the half term break:

- Make one of the planets in the solar system
- Make a fact file/poster about the solar system.
- Design and create a model rocket ship.
- Create a space puzzle for us to complete as a class.
- Create your own alien and write a story about it.
- Write a space poem.

Home Reading

The children will receive a new half termly bookmark. We are continuing as the same as last half term, children can colour the star when they have read, but please could we ask you to sign to also say they have read.

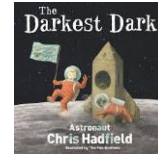
These will be collected in on a Monday along with their home reading book which will be changed and then given out the same day. Going into Autumn 2 some children will be bringing home different home-reading books, depending on their phonics group.

At the end of each of half term there will be a special reading celebration assembly where the children will receive either a bronze, silver or gold certificate.

P.E Kit reminder:

PE lessons this half term will take place on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. PE is an important part of the curriculum and educates pupils in leading an active and healthy lifestyle developing skills that will equip them for life. All children will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days. Please can the children wear the schools correct PE t-shirt and jumper along with warm trousers for the coming winter months.

Developing lifelong learners:



English

In English this half term, we are going to be focusing on two engaging Space texts called 'The Marvellous Moon Map' by Teresa Heapy and 'The Darkest Dark' by Astronaut Chris Hadfield.

The children will be using these texts to learn to how to write a non-chronological report and a narrative. Alongside writing for a purpose, the children will be learning new spelling rules, using punctuation for effect and writing sentences that are grammatically correct.

Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will be continuing their learning on addition and subtraction using a variety of methods to solve problems. We will then move on to explore money by identifying the value of coins and notes as well as learning to solve money problems where the children will be required to apply known strategies to support them. Before the end of term, the children will move on to learn about multiplication and division.

Topics covered this half term:

Design and Technology - This half term the children will be designing a functional space buggy based on design criteria.

Science - In Science this half term the children will be learning about materials.

History - This half term we will be finding out about a significant person. To link with our space topic the children will be learning about Neil Armstrong and make comparisons with an English astronaut Tim Peake.

Computing - what is IT?

Music - Christmas Themed Music

R.E - This half term we will be learning about The Christmas Story with a focus on 'Advent'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team