

YEAR 2 AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting half term. We have lots of exciting learning experiences planned for the children this half term and we will be very busy!

In the first two weeks of every half term, I aim to read with every child, please make sure their reading record is in their book bag to enable me to do this. Thank you.

In English this half term, we will be looking at traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will continue to develop their prediction and inference skills by considering characters' behaviours and actions. By the end of the unit, the children will have planned and retold their own version of the story using carefully chosen language to add description and sentences using a variety of joining words such as 'and, because, but, so'. Throughout the half term we will focus on different aspects of grammar and punctuation. The child will be learning how the grammatical patterns in sentences indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command. We will also be linking our English learning with our history learning as we will be writing a recount of the Great Fire of London.

We will continue to place a big focus on our daily phonics lessons to help support the children with their reading and spellings. Please continue to focus on the weekly spellings with your child as this links in to our weekly phonics and supports them significantly with their spellings. As well as reading every night with your child to continue to improve their fluency and expression.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction. Throughout this unit the children will consolidate and extend their knowledge of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and will gain confidence in adding and subtracting across 10. We will continue to have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. Please continue to allow your child to play on hit the button as this enables them to practice quick recall of number facts. I will continue to send home the mental maths focuses as and when it is necessary, please practise this concept with your child ready for their mental maths tests in school.

I am very excited about our Christmas production and you will be pleased to hear we have already started singing the songs and they are very catchy! KS1 can't wait to show off all their talents to their families and friends. If your child is given a speaking part in the production, please support them by practicing their lines at home.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts

Important Days

Monday

- Reading books to be changed.
Please bring reading folder.

Tuesday

Spelling test

Tuesday and Wednesday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

W/B 13th November
Antibullying week

Monday 13th November
Odd socks day £1 donation

Thursday 16th November
Open the book

Monday 20th November
Final day to donate an Advent
Calendar for SVP foodbank

Monday 27th November
History enquiry day

Thursday 30th November
Bring greenery for wreath
making

Friday 1st December
Woolly Hat Appeal and
Refugee Christmas presents
launches

Sunday 3rd December
Family Mass in church

Wednesday 6th December
Pantomime @9:30am

Friday 8th December
- Bring a chocolate bar for the
Christmas fair
- Christmas Jumper Day and
Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 11th December
Refugee presents donations
close

Tuesday 12th December
Y1 / Y2 nativity

Wednesday 13th December
Flu vaccines

Friday 15th December
Christmas fair

Tuesday 19th December
- Reindeer Run – wear PE kit
- Y1 and Y2 Advent workshop

Thursday 21st December
Christmas party day – party
clothes

Friday 22nd December
- Non uniform
- Whole School Mass
- Carols in the hall
- School closes

