Autumn 2019 1st Half Term - Year 2

Hello and welcome from the new Team Enchantment. We hope you all had a great Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to welcome Mr Hickling, Miss Reith, Mrs Daly, and Miss Instone to the team. They have already settled in brilliantly.

We have a busy year ahead and the aim of these updates is to keep you informed of team specific information and dates that will be useful to you. These will include things like dates for trips, workshops and important events. We will ensure that throughout the year we provide lots of opportunities to talk about how you can support your children at home with different activities for their learning.

The classes in Team Enchantment are as follows:
Castle (Year 2) – Miss Wright, Miss Reith and Mrs Daly
Meadow (Year 1) – Miss Hughes and Mrs Dyson
Treetops (Year 1&2) – Mr Hickling and Miss Instone

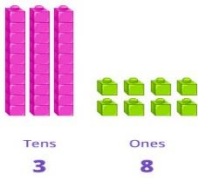
English

★ **Traditional Tales and stories with alternative endings:** We will be teaching English through a skills based approach, ensuring that the children have a good grasp of the basic fundamental skills including: to have a more accurate and consistent use of a range of punctuation such as commas and apostrophes.

★ **Reading:** The children will enjoy listening to a range of traditional tales and stories with alternative endings. The children will also have daily reading sessions and will be given both a Ruth Miskin book and a banded coloured *free choice* book to practice at home. Now the children are more fluent in their reading, please ensure you have discussions about the book and use the questions provided for discussion.

Maths

★ **Number and Place Value**:
The children will be focusing on recognising, ordering, reading and writing numbers up to 100. They will think about the value of the number and what it is made up of using the vocabulary tens and ones. They will work out numbers that are one more or ten more than a given number.



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★ **Counting**:
The children will be learning to count forwards and backwards in different increments (2s, 5s, 10s) they will use their early number skills to spot patterns in different counting patterns.

Experienceology

Celebrate and Remember

The children will be exploring the theme of 'Celebrate and Remember' through the different subjects in a creative and hands-on way.

★ **History**: The children will be going back in time to learn about The Gunpowder Plot. They will have a chance to enquire, ask questions and discover some of the key events during this time.

★ **Science:** The children will be looking at different materials and exploring their properties. They will link this area of learning with their art and DT to think about appropriate materials for making their own cart.

★ **Art/DT:** The children will be creating their own Rangoli patterns using different medians. They will be using what they've learnt in science to build a cart, similar to one that Guy Fawkes may have used.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

★ Please ensure your child has their **full, labelled** PE kit for the term and that it stays in school. Children must have black trainers for PE and NOT plimsolls.
PE days: Castle: Tuesday and Thursday **Meadow:** Tuesday and Wednesday **Treetops:** Tuesday and Thursday

★ As a way of supporting the children in Key Stage One with their Phonics (the learning of sounds), Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), you are invited to a shared Phonics and SPaG based session every Friday morning 8.50-9.05. The children will be able to apply their English knowledge in fun and vibrant ways and it will provide an opportunity for parents to pick up tips on how best to support their children's reading and writing at home. The first session will begin on Friday 27th September.

Many thanks for your support
Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Hughes and Mr Hickling