



Autumn 2021 2nd Half Term - Year 2

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful half term break. The first half term went by in the blink of an eye and we are sure that this half term will be no different!

The children are very settled in their new classes and are always busy during the days. They have taken the transition from Year 1 in their stride so well. They have showed a real interest in all of our learning and it has been lovely to see how happy they all are when they are engaged in their learning.

English

- ★ **The Gunpowder Plot:** We will be basing our English work this term on a story based on The Gunpowder Plot which we are sure that the children are going to enjoy. The focus will be on creative writing, interesting vocabulary and descriptions. We will also be working on writing for different audiences.
- ★ **Reading:** We will continue to read with the children during each week this term and will continue to run guided reading sessions. During these sessions there will be a range of activities and the children will need to listen attentively to one another reading aloud or work with a small group to read and answer questions on a text.
- ★ **Phonics:** Last term we linked our phonics lessons to our English lessons enabling the children to consolidate their learning of new sounds. We will continue to do this this term with new sounds introduced weekly.

Maths

- ★ **Money:** At the end of our unit on addition and subtraction the children will spend some time learning about money. We will be learning to recognise coins and notes. After that we will teach the children to add money to make specific amounts. They will also have the chance to learn about giving change. You could support this children with this at home by allowing them to explore any change you have and encourage them to pretend to buy things around the house.
- ★ **Multiplication:** We will finish the term with a unit on multiplication. The children will begin by recognising and making equal groups. We will move them forward by introducing the concept of repeated addition as a form of multiplication. They will then use the multiplication sign and we will teach them about the use of arrays as a pictorial approach to solving multiplication questions.

Topic

The Gunpowder Plot

- ★ **History:** This term we will be consolidating our previous learning about The Gunpowder Plot through the story book that we are using in English. The children will gain a deeper understanding around the reasons behind the plot as well as the fact that the men involved were executed. We will cover this in a way that is not scary for the children and feel that this is an important aspect of history.
- ★ **Science:** This term the children will be learning about weather and seasonal changes. We will look at how day to day weather changes over the seasons. We will also be looking at shadows and observing how they change depending on the time of day. The children will look at weather forecasts and will have a go at trying to create their own!

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure that your children comes to school each day with a named school water bottle.
- ★ Please could all families collect up toilet roll tubes and small/medium sized boxes (e.g. selection box cereal boxes/normal sized cereal boxes.) We will need these for DT week at the end of November.
- ★ As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day.
- ★ Please ensure that all uniform and any additional clothing (such as hats and gloves) is clearly named.
- ★ PE days will be as follows:

PE days: Hazel: Monday and Wednesday Alder: Monday and Wednesday Chestnut: Monday and Tuesday

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Browne, Miss Wells and Miss Kearley