



Autumn 2024 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! This term we will begin practising for our Christmas Nativity and are looking forward to enjoying all of the exciting events that come with this time of year.

The children thoroughly enjoyed last term's Art Week and are sure to enjoy our DT Week this term. A gentle reminder that we ask for a £5 donation from each child each term to help to cover some of the costs associated with the creative projects that the children enjoy across the year. Payments can be made on School Gateway.

English

★ Writing:

The children have been working hard at writing accurate sentences and we will continue to do so this term. We will be reading 'The Firebird' during our English lessons and writing about the characters from the story. We are also working on spelling as a focus this term, encouraging the children to think about the phonics sounds they have learnt in order to spell more accurately.

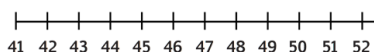
★ **Reading:** The children have greatly enjoyed listening to chapter books during class reading assemblies. They have also been working hard on their individual reading and are beginning to answer a range of questions based on what they have read.

★ **Phonics:** The children have learnt some tricky grammar and alternative spelling rules so far and are really beginning to apply these new rules in their reading and writing. We will be continuing to learn new spelling rules.

Maths

★ Addition and Subtraction:

The children will be learning how solve a range of problems with addition and subtraction. They will use counting resources such as bead strings and more abstract approaches like this number line to support them with adding and subtracting.



We will teach children to use partitioning to add larger 2 digit numbers e.g. $42+13$ can be partitioned into $40+10$, $2+3$ and then we can add the answers together.

The children will need to use their knowledge of number bonds and derive and use related facts up to 100 (for example – I know $6+4=10$ so I know $60+40=100$.)

The children will also gain an understanding of the fact that addition is commutative – meaning the numbers can be added in any order but that subtraction is not.

Foundation Subject focus areas

★ History:

Fire at Windsor Castle and the Great Fire of London

★ Computing:

Programming and algorithms

★ RE:

Christianity and symbolism

★ PE:

Invasion games – football

★ PSHE:

Different families

★ DT Week focus:

Fabric and weaving

★ Science:

Animals including Humans: My body and my senses

★ Music:

Classical music, dynamics and tempo

★ French:

Clothes and getting dressed

Foundation Subject *big* questions can be found on the school website.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is much easier to return lost items if they are named. This includes school water bottles which every child is required to have in school daily.
- ★ As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure that your child is bringing a warm, waterproof coat with them every day. They may also wish to have gloves and a hat with them – please make sure that these items are all named and compact enough to fit into the book bag.
- ★ Nativity performance: Thursday 12th December (am)
- ★ We have the book fair returning to school from Wednesday 13th November – Monday 18th November.

PE days: Alder: Monday & Tuesday, **Chestnut:** Tuesday & Wednesday, **Hazel:** Monday & Tuesday

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright, Miss Kearley and Miss Jeffery