



Autumn 2023 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 thoroughly enjoyed last term's Art Week and are looking forward to DT Week next week. We are collecting small cardboard boxes such as mini cereal boxes or coffee sachet boxes for the children's design projects. 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 consolidated their knowledge of writing good sentences from last year. They have been enjoying writing creatively about a book we have been reading as well. This term we will be learning how to use a range of conjunctions to extend sentences as well as consolidating the use of different punctuation.

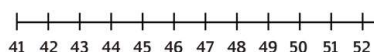
★ **Reading:** The children have greatly enjoyed listening to chapter books during class reading assemblies. They have also been working hard on their individual reading and are beginning to answer a range of questions based on what they have read.

★ **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 to 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 also teach the children the column method to add and subtract 2 digit numbers.

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:

The Gunpowder Plot, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day

★ Computing:

Keeping safe online

★ RE:

Islam

★ PE:

Invasion games – netball and bench ball

★ PSHE:

Families and committed relationships

★ DT Week focus:

Wheels and Axels

★ Science:

Everyday Materials, their properties and uses.

★ Music:

Rhythm and timbre

★ French:

★ Colours and shapes

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

Team Enchantment 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 7th December (am)
- ★ We have the book fair returning to school from Tuesday 14th November – Monday 20th November.

PE days: Alder: Monday & Thursday, **Chestnut:** Monday & Thursday, **Hazel:** Monday & Thursday

Many thanks for your support

Miss Kearley, Mr Pohl and Ms Suarez