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Autumn 2 Half Term Information for Parents Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Themes: Autumn 2 – Theatre

Cross curricular links:

English: Alongside our Read Write Inc sessions, children will be provided with a variety of reading and writing opportunities linked to our topic, including: poems and stories about famous artists. We will be writing extended pieces of text ranging from Elf Road to works inspired by the How to Train Your Dragon series. As a way of developing reading, speaking and listening skills in line with our theme in Year 2 we will be using drama and play scripts to improve reading confidence and resilience.

Science: We will continue to focus on human and animal development, Y2 children will explore and discuss the developmental growth of humans and animals; how change occurs and processes involved in human evolution. They will discuss the basic needs of humans, how we can eat healthy foods, exercise for health and keep ourselves clean. With regards to keeping clean, children will explore washing our hands using instructions linked to writing.

Geography: Children will learn to locate famous theatres and venues in the UK and around the world. We will explore the purpose of a theatre and link Geographical study with Historical exploration of significant theatres (Theatre Royal) from the past; Roman theatres for example and works of Shakespeare – The Tempest.

Art: The Arts – Display to be up at The Peoples Theatre week beginning 4th December

PE: Children will develop and perform teamwork skills, hand eye coordination and develop their athletic ability. Key skills will be taught and executed through dodgeball, football and rugby.

Music: Children will learn to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs, speaking chants and poems. Additionally, in preparation for the KSI Christmas performance we will be learning new songs and play script.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: Children will use Numicon, abacus and the number line to develop their skills, knowledge and reasoning of Multiplication and Division, specifically learning to: calculate the mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the $\times \div =$ signs. Continuing to support your child to orally chant the times tables – 2, 5 and 10s will enable them to make accelerated progress. Furthermore, we will be learning about Fractions, specifically learning to: recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects, or quantity. During this half term, consolidation of place value will be covered to ensure that the children can: compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs.

Computing: In Y2 the main focus will be on exploring how computer games work. It is expected that the children will be able to describe carefully what happens in computer games, use logical reasoning, test predictions, think critically about computer games and be aware of how to use games safely.

PSCHE: Getting on and falling out will be the main focus for PSCHE this half term. We will use positive messages and affirmations to develop team working skills, playground rules and work towards an overall culture of respect.

RE: Unit 5 Festivals and Celebrations. Judaism – aspects of Hanukah. Y2 – Identifying Christmas

traditions, significance of candles, Christingles.

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn. This includes having all the equipment they need for the day, such as PE kit, reading book and reading record.
- Practise core vocabulary words. Can your child read and spell them?
- Complete homework activities with your child.
- Share your child's school reading book with them, discussing characters, events and opinions. This is best done often and in short bursts.
- Practise mental maths including times tables (2, 5 and 10 in Year 2) and mental addition and subtraction (What is 16-7?); discuss money, time and measures with real examples. Using watches to tell the time on a weekend will also help. Recognising odd and even numbers.
- Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about at school and where possible, extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.
- Please check your child's book bag frequently for letters and other information.
- If you have any interesting topic related artefacts that your child could share for a display or discussion, please bring them into school.

Homework

Our homework policy is currently under review and as the year progresses we will have a more topic based approach. Please bear in mind that the 'How can you help?' section covers ongoing homework activities that are to be done on a regular basis.

Class Reminders

PE: Y2 – Tuesday (team games) Wednesday (ball skills) and Friday (hall games)

Please ensure PE kits are in school on all school days to ensure it is available for any extra PE sessions.

Children must always have sandshoes. There are labelled boxes under the Y2 coat pegs for PE bags.

Reading books and records must be in school every day. If your child wears glasses – where possible could you ensure that the glasses for PE have a neck support to prevent the glasses from falling off and potentially being broken.