

Half Term Curriculum & Home-Learning Letter

Year 2

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fun-filled and restful summer break.

This year, the children in Year 2 will get to have 'double the fun,' with two teachers ☺
Mrs Harris will be in class all day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as Friday mornings.
Mrs Duschinsky will be in class on Mondays and Fridays.



This half term we will be taking part in a whole-school 'Inspirational Leaders' focus topic. In Year 2 the children will be learning about Mother Teresa alongside other inspirational people. The children will be taking part in a learning celebration evening on Tuesday 18th October, which you are welcome to attend. (Further information to follow shortly).

Later in the half term, the children will complete a science unit of work about materials. The children will explore and test materials, thinking about how and why different materials are used for different things.

In English, we will be starting the year with an author focus. The children will be listening to, reading, exploring and comparing books. They will also write and edit their own mini books.
The children will be practising their extended writing, reading, spellings, grammar and handwriting, on a weekly basis.

In Maths we will be covering a number of maths areas this half term including; estimating, counting and comparing numbers, number bonds, multiples, doubling and halving and investigating 2D shapes.

In RE the children will be doing lots of 'Big Thinking' about our new unit, 'Talking about God'.

In computing we will be learning about some different parts of a computer and discussing the importance of E. Safety. Children will be thinking about our school e.safety rules and their own on-line behaviour. We will be learning about the many ways to stay safe when using technology.

We continue to receive coaching support during our Friday KS1 PE sessions, please ensure children have a suitable kit in school everyday (for indoor and outdoor use). Can I remind parents and carers that children are encouraged to wear plimsolls for indoor use and trainers for outdoor PE sessions.

We are pleased to say that our weekly church visits will be continuing, however, we these will now be on a Wednesday morning. We would very much welcome and appreciate parent helpers to escort the class to church.

Tissues - We get through many boxes of tissues each term. Please provide 1 box of tissues for the autumn term.

Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Home-learning folders and spellings will be sent home on **Thursdays** and are to be handed in on the following **Tuesday**. Please note, spelling tests will take place every Tuesday. Please ensure children complete all home-learning and regularly practise their spellings and times tables.
- Please continue to encourage children to read regularly, this can be school books, as well as books from home. It is really helpful if parents and carers can take some time to read with the children and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support children's developing reading comprehension skills.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to one of the Year 2 team or drop us a note.



Mrs Jennifer Harris & Mrs Romy Duschinsky

Date: 5th September 2016