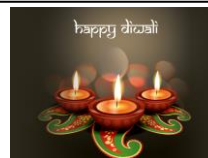


Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2

Belonging Respect Responsibility



Welcome to Year 2 – Autumn Term 2



Our topics this half-term are “*Diwali and India*” followed by *Advent and Journeys*.

Reading: Asking questions about what you have read. What puzzles you? What do you want to find out more about? Why did the character behave like they did? What would you change?

Making inferences – using the clues to figure things out that are not written in the text. Think about what you know, use your experience to work out what makes sense.

Writing: Rewriting the Diwali story about Rama and Sita; postcards from India informing someone about facts about the country. We will learn how to write poetry in the form of riddles, and we will be writing our own versions of the nativity story using pictures to sequence.

Mathematics: Recognising and using money. Beginning to understand the concepts of multiplication and division. We will be learning about time and measurement.

Science: Living things have offspring. Describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food, air) Learn that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited.

Art: Making a clay diva lamp. Christmas cards and decorations.

RE: Understand the importance of light as a symbol in Diwali and Advent. Also to know and understand the Christmas story and the journeys taken.

Geography: To compare life in Alverstone to that of Kolkata in India.

PE: Learning an Indian dance. We will be learning how to play cricket.

PDL: We will be looking at our families and how they are the same and different. We will think about the words we use and the importance of having good manners.

Music: Learning the songs for our Christmas nativity play.

Dates for your diary



Anti-bullying week
14th-18th November

School Picture Day
14th November

Flu Immunisation
17th November

Children in Need
Friday 18th November

Pantomime
Monday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Decoration day (Parents to be invited in for the afternoon – more details to follow)
Friday 9th December

Christmas Performances
13th/14th /15th – more details to follow

Christmas Holidays
19th December to 2nd January 2023

How you can help your child at home:

Letter-join

Handwriting: We can now offer access to our school handwriting programme. If your child would like to practise letter formation at home on the tablet or computer, please follow the link to Letterjoin on our school website. Just go to Key Information - Curriculum - Writing. The log in username is **vt0015** and the password is **home**. See the class teachers if you need help getting started with this.

Maths: Please start looking at all of the British coins and notes in circulation and becoming familiar with what they look like, how much they are worth and what they are called. You could set up a mini shop with a few items in, labelled with prices up to £1. Look at a clock and remind your child of o'clock and half past. This is a recap of Year 1 learning. Practise counting by starting at any number under 100 and adding/ taking away 10 or multiples of 10 e.g. 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, stopping just over 100.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read more non-fiction books this half term. Please continue to write comments in your child's reading diary. You can access the school Oxford Owl account using these details:
Butterflies log in – username = Butterflies22 password = AISyear2
Caterpillars log in – username = alverstoke password = Cats

Spellings: Well done to those of you who are helping your child learn their spellings. Please remember it is very important to spell accurately and your child will not meet the end of Year 2 writing expectations if they are poor spellers.

Forest School

Butterflies will continue to do Forest School activities on a Monday. Caterpillars will be on a Wednesday. Please wear appropriate clothing depending on the weather. Wellies are a good idea now it is getting wetter. We are desperate for any help on these days! Thank you



Outdoor Learning Day

Year 2 will be having an outdoor learning day on **Tuesday 22nd November**. Please can children wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a warm coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



Recycled Materials

Get eating chocolate! Please bring in trays and cardboard boxes that show arrays, like egg boxes, cupcake plastic trays, sweet or chocolate boxes. We need them for maths to show multiplication arrays.



PE Day

Our PE days are Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). Come in you kit on a Thursday. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are preferably removed on these days.



Library Day

Please return your book for an exchange every Wednesday.

Water Bottle and Coat

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle and coat in school at all times.



Tapestry

Year 2 are posting on Tapestry. Make sure you keep up to date with your child's learning by logging in regularly. We will give you updates, photos, ideas and ways you can help at home. Ask the office for your login details if you have forgotten them.

