

Holly 2



A message from Mrs Emsen

Welcome back to another half term. We have lots of learning planned and excitingly our Christmas performance on 16th December at 2.30pm or 17th December at 9.30am. Tickets will be available soon.

Writing

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions when we will revisit previously taught graphemes as well as learn a variety of new graphemes.

In our writing lessons we will be studying the book *Lost Species* by Jess French and Daniel Long. The outcome of this will be a non-chronological report. The children will use nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. They will also use conjunctions and write in the past tense.

Our second text is *Little Red* by Beth Woollvin. We will continue to learn to punctuate our sentences and use descriptive language to write a story based on traditional tales

RE

We are studying a Christianity unit this term. Holly 2 will be learning about incarnation, and the story of Jesus's birth. We will use this knowledge to help us to perform our Christmas play.

Geography

In geography we are learning about capital cities in the UK and why they are a capital city. We will learn that London is the capital of England, Cardiff is the capital of Wales, Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and Dublin is the capital of Northern Ireland

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read with an adult for 5- 10 minutes every day to rehearse this skill and develop a love of reading. This could be school books, library books as well as own reading books.

Reading books will be changed once a week to allow children to develop fluency and a good understanding of the vocabulary within the book. They will read this book three times in school before it is sent home.

Art

In art Holly 2 will be looking at work by the artist Benji Davis. We will be inspired by the natural environment and use natural things we have found to develop our sketching skills.

PE

We have PE lessons every MONDAY and TUESDAY. Please send children into school in their full PE kit on these days. This half term in PE we will be focusing on dance and invasion games. **Please do not wear earrings on PE days and make sure that long hair is tied up.**

Maths

In maths we will be learning about addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers and using equipment such as dienes, number lines and bead strings to help us to solve mathematical problems. We will then move onto measuring length accurately using centimetres. We will finish the term with some work about creating and interpreting graphs.

Wider curriculum

In our music lessons this half term, we will be learning and practising the songs for our Christmas show.

In PSHE we will be celebrating differences.

In computing lessons, we will be exploring IT in our environment.

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On a Friday morning this half term, we have forest school. Please send children into school dressed in their Forest School clothes and send in their uniform to change into. Clothes should be warm and OK to get dirty. Please tie back long hair.