

Class 2 Newsletter January 2024



Welcome back to school - we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and that everyone has had a good rest!

This Term

We have had a bit of a timetable staffing shuffle this term and you will see from the attached timetable that Mrs Woodmass is teaching some afternoons in Class 2!

English: Inspired by the book "The Man the Moon" we will be learning all about life in space for an astronaut called Bob! This is a very funny book which I know the children will love. We will be using it to develop our writing skills, completing questions for Bob, character descriptions and fact files. We will continue to develop our spellings and phonics in our daily lessons as well as handwriting, fine tuning all the skills we learnt last term. Finally, we will be reading a range of texts both with adults and our reading buddies both individually and as a group/class.

Maths: Year 2 will begin the term learning about multiplication (grouping) and division (sharing). The year 1 children will be continuing with their learning on addition and subtraction, being taught a variety of methods both written and mental.

Our other learning will focus on "the UK" in geography, "Everyday Materials" in Science and "Textiles" in art. We are going to have a busy half term fitting everything in!

Our "Curriculum Overviews" are available on our school website. These will give you extra information about each subject we teach. www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk

PE for this term

In our PE lessons, we will be developing our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance in <u>Gymnastics</u>! Children can bring in leotards for gymnastics if they would like to! In our other PE lesson, we will develop our ball skills of throwing and catching. This may be outside (weather permitting) so please ensure running shoes are in school!

Important Dates:

26th Jan - Stars Assembly at 9.15am 5th Feb - Internet Safety Week 5th Feb - Library Van day 9th Feb - Stars Assembly at 2.50pm 19th Feb - Start of half term holidays

Further details of all events will be in Mrs Pomfret's regular newsletters.

Reading

The children have been making really good progress with their reading. We send three or four books home on a Monday or Tuesday after listening to everyone read. We then listen to the children read from our boxes in school later in the week.

If your child has a small phonics book - we would appreciate if you could recap on the sounds towards the end regularly - it is really making a difference with those who are practising these through the week.