

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Well done Year 2, for starting the year with such an enthusiastic and positive attitude towards your learning.

English

This term we have used the 'Train Ride' by June Crebbin as a writing stimulus for our own version of the story. We explored how to use similes, verbs and adjectives effectively to make our writing more creative. We have used the poem 'On Bonfire Night' to create our own poems using our senses. For the remainder of the Autumn term we will be reading 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson and 'A Meerkat Christmas' by Emily Gravett. We continue to have an hour each day of Phonics or Accelerated reading. The children will continue to quiz themselves on the stories they have read.

RE

In R.E we have been learning about 'Beginnings' and exploring the many beginnings which each day offers. The children know and understand that God is present in every beginning. We have also been exploring the Signs and Symbols used in Baptism. During the Autumn term, we will continue exploring the Advent and Christmas topic. The children will understand how to prepare for special times and know that Advent is four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Mathematics

In maths we have been learning about place value. We have looked at how numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones and explored different ways of representing numbers to 100 using place value grids, part whole models and tens frames.

We have recently moved onto money and we are learning how to recognise different amounts and add them together.

Science

In science we have been learning about materials. We have been learning how to identify different materials used to create everyday objects and describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Our next topic is Electricity. We will be identifying different appliances which use electricity and exploring how life would be a lot more difficult without electricity. We will also be exploring how to create a circuit to make a bulb light up.

PE

In PE we have been learning about balancing during our gymnastics topic. We are also learning ball skills and have an additional P.E on a Wednesday where the children are receiving coaching from a Mixed Martial Arts Specialist. We enjoyed taking part in a multi-skills events in September where we got to take part in different games.

Computing

We are learning about technology all around us.

Music

Our music focus for the term is 'Hey you' and 'Rhythm in the way we walk' from the 'Charanga' music programme.

History and Geography

In Geography we have been learning about 'Where we live' and exploring our local area and its links to the railway. The children enjoyed a trip to the House of Steam.

In History are exploring the Gun Powder Plot and we are learning about Guy Fawkes.

Art and Design Technology

We have explored emotions through colour mixing. In Black History week we studied Ndebele art with a key focus on Esther Mahlangu.

PSHE

During the Autumn term we have been exploring the topics 'Created and loved by God', 'me, my body and health', 'emotional well-being' and 'Life Cycles'

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and handed in by the following Wednesday.

For the rest of this term, P.E will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

