Literacy

This term we will look at books by Julia Donaldson, including Zog and a Squash and a Squeeze. Children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

We will develop our writing to write familiar stories, letters and diary entries for characters. We will explore poetry linked to Bonfire night and create our own poems.

Spelling and handwriting will be a key focus throughout the year. Children will continue to progress through the SoundsWrite phonics programme which will include common exception words.

Maths

We will begin with developing our fluency in number facts and reinforcing understanding of numbers to 100, including the place value of digits. We will focus on ordering, comparing and writing numerals and number words to 100. We also develop an understanding of place value in two digit numbers, eg - knowing that 58 is 50 + 8. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently. We will count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Please practise counting on from any number to 100 and counting back, this is a skill which children find very tricky. In shape we will identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

We will be learning about plants, planting and growing seeds and bulbs. We will explore where plants come from and what plants they need to grow. Next half term, we will be learning about living things.

Welcome back! It is so lovely to see you all again. We hope you have lots of energy for our exciting topics this year.

As always we appreciate your support to help your child reach their full potential. Please read with your child each night and comment in the reading record book. Children who read regularly and also have stories shared with them for pleasure make far greater progress.

Spellings will be sent out regularly and your child will be tested on these.

Times Table Rock Stars - Your child will be given their own password for them to access this app at home.

Thank you, Mrs Mudd and Mrs Trundley.

ICT

Children will have regular access to Ipads to access programs in school to enhance their learning (Times table Rockstars, Lexia).

Geography

In the second half term our topic is titled 'The Seaside'. We are fortunate to live on the coast therefore we will learning about our coastline

<u>Music</u>

Focusing on performing within music in preparation for our Christmas performance.

RE

We begin our school year looking at Beginnings. This will include new beginnings in our life and The Creation. This leads us to Signs and Symbols where we will look at Baptism. We will study a world religion, which is Judaism. We will discover foods which Jews eat during celebrations. Finally, our last topic is 'Preparations'. We will explore how Christians prepare for Christmas. Children will also be involved in planning and leading liturgical prayer.

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We will be creating tonal ladders and creating still life pictures after analyzing Paul Cezanne's still life painting 'Apples and Pears'

Design Technology

In preparation for Christmas, we will use a range of media to create Christmas crafts.

History

Our topic is George Stephenson; therefore we will be finding out what he is famous for and create a timeline of significant moments throughout his life. We will create a fact file about him.

PE

We will be working on agility, balance, co-ordination and multiskills this term.

Our PE day for everyone is Tuesday. On Wednesday Y2 children will have PE again, whilst Y3 go swimming. Children can come to school wearing their PE kits on both days, a white top, black shorts/joggers, black trainers/plimsolls and a black hoody/sweatshirt. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school to keep hydrated.