



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of our first half term, and we will be coming back to school on Tuesday 5th November.

This week we had our first important Parents' evening and you now know how well your child has settled into their new class and how they are doing in their learning. If you were not able to attend this, please ensure you make an appointment as soon as possible.

Please support your child with the targets discussed. The push on times-tables learning (counting for the younger children) and daily reading is vital if we are to ensure our children achieve their full potential. And please make use of all the IT programmes we have purchased licenses for - Purple Mash, Sum Dog, Spelling Shed and Times Tables RockStars. Having your children use these programmes at home is a much better use of their iPad/Laptop free time.

The next half term leading up to Christmas will be as busy as usual and we are so glad that once again this year, we are all going to the panto together. Lots to look forward to.

Happy half term break :)

Dr Allen



Nursery

We have had a really exciting half term settling in to Nursery. It is great to watch the children learn our routines and begin to make friends. They have been very busy painting, building, playing outside, singing, listening to stories, joining in with games and much, much more. We even had a giant tiger who came to tea! At the beginning of next half term we will be learning about Autumn. We will be looking at all the changes that take place during this season and the animals that we associate with it. We will of course be doing lots of super activities related to this! It would be great if you could look out for signs of Autumn with your children too! Kicking leaves and collecting conkers is great fun! Thank you for helping your children to settle in these first few weeks.

Year 1

This term year 1's new topic is called 'The Secret Life of Food'. At the end of this topic, we will be consolidating the children's learning by visiting Old Holly Farm. We will be investigating into how the food gets into our supermarkets from the Farms and which foods are made from plants or animals. This links very closely to our new science topic 'Animals including Humans'.

We will also be practising for our KS1 nativity very soon and this means learning about the Christmas Story and the birth of Jesus. We have a very exciting half term and we can't wait to get started!



Reception

It has been a very busy couple of months in Reception as the children have been settling into school. We have enjoyed getting to know your child and are excited for the year ahead. We have started our Read, Write, Inc. phonic sessions and the children are trying very hard with their sounding out and blending. Ask your child all about Fred the Frog and how he can only speak in sounds. We have been practising our pencil grip and writing our names every morning as we enter the classroom. Please encourage your child to do this at home too. Thank you for spending time with your child at home, reading together, 10 minutes every night is ideal. Please remember to share with us how your child is doing at home by writing in their reading record. We have noticed that a lot of jumpers and cardigans are coming to school unnamed - PLEASE can you ensure every item that belongs to your child is clearly named. Thank you.

Don't forget about our RWI parent's session on Tuesday 5th November at 2:30pm in the hall-you will find this meeting very informative. Also we are starting a 5 week course, run by Blackpool Council, to explore ways to support your child's reading, writing, phonics and maths through Christmas crafts and fun activities. This starts Wednesday 6th November 1:00-3:00pm.

Attendance to date (National Target is 96%)

N— 95.3%	RR— 97.5%	RM—95.3%
1Ha—96.3%	1Hu—96.4%	2M—97.9%
2W—96.9%	3H—95.9%	3M—97.1%
4A—95.6%	4T—97.5%	5L—97.9%
5W—97.6%	6B—96.4%	6OK—93.6%

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved this!

Dates for your diary

5th November—School Reopens
 7th—12th November: Scholastic Book Fair
 7th November—Dance Festival @ Winter Gardens
 8th November—4A Assembly @ 9am, Hall
 8th November—Strictly School Games
 12th November—Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying
 14th November—Year 2 Clip & Climb Trip
 14th November—Y3/4 Athletics Heat
 15th November—Wear Blue
 18th—22nd November—Nursery Rhyme Week
 19th November—Y3/4 Athletics Final
 22nd November - Y2 Parent Liturgy @ 9am, Hall
 29th November—5W Class Assembly @9am, Hall
 29th November—Y3&4 Advent Service @ 4pm in Church

Year 2

We have had a very busy first half term settling into Year 2. We have taken part in themed days including the European Day of Languages where we learnt some Italian words and phrases in 2M as well as tasted some Polish food in 2W. We have celebrated National Poetry Day. We enjoyed watching online videos of poems being read by Michael Rosen and Spike Milligan. If you haven't seen them yet-ask your child to show you - the Ningnangong! We also created our own kennings on the theme of 'Space'. In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed reading about The Twits and learning about their antics! We have thought of our own pranks and written about them. We also had the opportunity to make some prank cakes (rice krispie cakes) and have written instructions on how to make them - but the best part was that we got to eat them in the end!

We are in for a busy time after half term as we approach Autumn 2nd-with the lead up to Christmas!! We are off to Clip and Climb as part of last terms topic about explorers. Have a lovely, well deserved, half term rest. When 2M return after the half term, they will have their new teacher, Miss Osborne, as Miss McElhinney begins her maternity leave. Miss Osborne is really excited about working with the children in Year 2! Thanks for all your support this half term from Miss McElhinney, Mr Walsh and Miss Osborne.



Year 3

Wow we can't believe were at the end of the first half term and your children are really settling into life in the juniors. In our next half term our new class read is 'Flat Stanley' and we will be looking at narrative and descriptive writing. In maths we are working on multiplication and division as well as our 4,5, and 8 times tables. In RE we will be looking at Mary and her life leading into the Christmas story. We are privileged to start off the School's Christmas celebrations by performing our Advent service. This will be on Friday 30th November. Further details will be sent out shortly. In science we will be looking at forces, especially push/pull and magnets. In PE we will be doing invasion games and a lot of this will be outside. Therefore could we ask that you send in a tracksuit/joggers and top with their PE kit as the weather starts to turn colder. This half term we are changing our topic from history to geography and looking at 'Brilliant Blackpool'. We will be looking at how Blackpool has become a major tourist attraction and how the Fylde coast has developed over the last hundred years. As mentioned, it is one of the busiest, but most special half terms of the year with lots going on. Because of this it will be hard to speak to parents directly after school, should there be any issues. So could we ask that if there is anything that you would like discuss in detail with ourselves, please get in touch with the office and arrange an appointment. We are looking forward to all the great learning experiences the children will be doing up until Christmas. Mrs M and Mr H.

Year 5

This half term is coming to an end and we have worked incredibly hard across all aspects of the curriculum. Earlier this month we had the wonderful opportunity of learning some traditional African dancing and drumming in our African Music making day. The children thoroughly enjoyed this day and both classes shared a traditional African dance and drumming pattern with the rest of the school.

In our PE sessions this half term we have been focussing on a range of athletics skills, from running and relay baton change-overs to various jumping skills and throwing events like Javelin. The children have shown good progression in these different skills and have really engaged with the lessons.

Thank you for your continued support during this first half term. Please continue to hear your child read and sign their record books. Enjoy a restful half term holiday and we will see you back in school in November!



What a hectic half-term we have had in Year 4! We have all celebrated our year group mass, Class 4T have already had their class assembly and 4A are currently planning theirs - ready to perform it on the first Friday back! In addition to this, we have explored the Romans in lots of detail and had a fully enriching themed historical day - thank you for all your efforts with the Roman costumes - the children looked fabulous! Next half-term, we have our Advent Service to look forward to on Friday 29th November. In addition to this, we are also holding a Christmas parent workshop in December. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to settle into Year 4 - remember to keep on returning your reading book daily and practising times tables! Mrs Acton & Miss Talbot.

Year 6

The children and staff have enjoyed a very busy first half term in Year 6, celebrating Poetry Day and European Day of Languages, performing in their Class Assembly, African Drumming and most recently, a great trip to Blackpool Central Library where the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to a story read by one of the librarians and also choosing a book to take home with them. Throughout the term, the children have enjoyed learning about the Mayans in History; designing and making Mayan masks in Art; exploring Living Things and their Habitat in Science as well as studying the Scientist, Carl Linnaeus.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Miss O'Keeffe and Mrs Bennett