



# TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

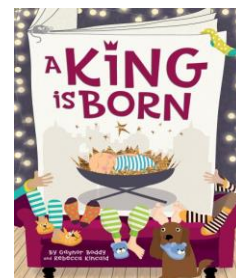
## Class Topic Newsletter - Year 2

*Every child matters; every moment counts!*

# Explorers!

### A King is Born – Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

We are very pleased to announce that the KS1 Christmas Nativity will be “A King is Born”. It's time to snuggle up by the fire and see the story of the very first **Christmas** come to life as Mum reads it to the children on an exciting Christmas Eve. Relive the miraculous story of the birth of Jesus, the baby king. Meet bossy Caesar and his census-takers, the angels, the shepherds and join the kings on their journey as they **follow the star** and come with wonder and awe to the stable.



Dear Parents / guardians,

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 2 and have quickly settled in to their new routines. Miss Hart and I have been really impressed by how hard the children seem to work in all lessons and are proud of the work they are able to produce! We are excited to continue this during over the course of this half-term!

Some highlights from last half-term were our first seasonal walk around Trawden (and secret trip to the park), being visited by a Cave Explorer (and trying some Kendal Mint Cake) as well as riding bikes in the playground to learn about bike safety from Go Velo.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch either in the playground, via the school office or via email.

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**Our topic until Christmas is 'Extreme Explorers'. This half-term will include:**

**English** – Non-Chronological Reports about the First Moon Landing, Animal Adventure Stories and Poems on a Theme.

**Maths** – Addition and Subtraction, 2D & 3D Shape, Counting, Multiplication and Sorting, Statistics, Fractions, Money and Time

**Science** – We will be focussing on looking after ourselves by learning about germs and bacteria, hand washing, how to clean our teeth and medicines.

**Art** – We will be creating works of art inspired by Keith Haring. We will be really focussing on creating imagines of people using the correct proportions for limbs.

**Computing** – Mr Irvine will be focussing on Online Safety and an introduction to spreadsheets.

**PE** – ProSport will be teaching the children about Basic Skills i.e. throwing, catching, kicking, etc.

**PSHE** – We will be learning about the importance of hygiene and safety.

**RE** – We will be looking at Christianity, the creation story, advent at Christmas and the significance of Christmas lights.

**Music** – We will be learning to perform all of our Nativity songs ready for the performance in December.

### Birthdays

Please join us with wishing the following children a huge 'Happy Birthday' as they turn 7 this half term!

Violet  
Indie  
Oliver Wk  
Autumn  
Maddison  
Ira



## Reading / Reading Books



Reading is extremely important to your child's education and children need to show they can read the words in a book and show their understanding of each book. **Please read with your child on a daily basis and ensure that they take home and bring in their yellow reading record and reading book on a daily basis.**

Every child will have the opportunity to read with Miss Hart, Mrs Stevenson (volunteer) or myself each week. When we have read with your child, we will write a short comment in their yellow reading record for you to see (providing they have brought it into school).

In Year 2, we will be changing reading books twice a week on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, providing a comment has been written in their reading record and children bring their books into the classroom. Please also *record any other books that your child has chosen to read* at home or the library to help us celebrate their love of reading.

### Key Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – PTFA Toast Morning

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Bring your

Toothbrush and Toothpaste

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – PTFA Toast Morning

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – PTFA KS1 Santa

'Pop-Up Shop' (£2 per gift)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Ball Grove

Exploration

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity

(2pm and 6pm)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas

Fancy Dress Day + Christmas Lunch +

Christmas Party

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School Closes at

2pm

### Ball Grove Exploration...

As part of our bucket list activities, Year 2 have decided that we would like to become explorers from the afternoon and go on an adventure to Ball Grove and explore the local woods.

We are planning on our walk taking place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm until 3:15pm.**

If you are available and would like to volunteer, please inform the office or Mr Loynds before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Our Bucket List

Meet an explorer ✓

Walk around Trawden ✓

Make a catapult

Explore some woods

Have a pirate day

Bake or cook

Our Forest School sessions for this half term will be on **Friday Afternoons.**

Please ensure that children come to school with adequate clothing as we will be heading out come rain or shine.



### PE

Children will need their PE kit in school every **Wednesday** for their lesson with BFC.

Please check the uniform policy on our school website to find out what is needed.

### Book Bags

We **remind** children daily to bring letters to the teacher and ask on Mondays and Thursdays if they need their reading books changing.

However, we are trying to develop independence and encourage the children that **it is their responsibility** to remember what is in their book bag and if they need their reading book changed. Therefore, we generally do not look through children's book bags.