



TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Autumn 2 - Year 1

Every child matters; every moment counts!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a fantastic first half term and have really enjoyed getting to know your lovely children! They have settled in well into the new Year 1 routines and have made a great start to their learning. We have a very exciting and busy half term planned so please take a look at our diary dates. Mrs Smith will be leaving on maternity leave on Wednesday 13th November and Miss Haworth will take over and teach all week.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Nelson.

Homework:

- Spellings: We will send home six Year 1 common exception words for the children to practise and learn each week. There will not be a formal spelling test but we will be looking out for the correct spellings in the children's work throughout the week.
- Reading: Please support your child at home by listening to them read daily and by exploring websites such as www.phonicsplay.com, which has a range of free resources. Books will be changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** providing a comment has been written in their reading record. Please also record any other books that your child has chosen to read at home or the library. The children will also get the opportunity to visit the school library and choose a book to bring home every Wednesday in a separate bag.
- Maths: This half term we would like the children to focus on number bonds to 20.

Reminders:

Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name, to keep them hydrated and a healthy school afternoon snack.

Doors will be opened by a member of staff at 8.45 and the children can come straight into school.

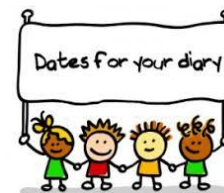
They will be led into school by their teacher. They will line up on the foot prints at the end of the day to be collected. Please let us know when you collect them from the line so we know they have left school safely.

Please be aware that children are not allowed to play on the school equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this.

Birthdays this half term!



Monday 4th November - PTFA Toast Morning (10p per slice)
 W/C Monday 11th November - Anti-bullying week
 Friday 15th November - Children in Need - *Bring Pennies for Pudsey*
 Monday 2nd December - PTFA Toast Morning (10p per slice)
 Tuesday 3rd December - PTFA Christmas Pop Up Shop
 Wednesday 11th December - Nativity 2pm and 6pm
 Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party
 Thursday 19th December - School closes at 2pm - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Our topic this term is 'The Great Fire of London' and will include:

English - We will be listening to a range of poetry and writing our own Firework and Snow globe poems. We will then use our knowledge of the Great Fire of London to create non-chronological reports.

Maths - We will be focusing on addition and subtraction, sequencing and sorting and 2D shapes.

Science - We will focus on seasonal change and discuss the weather in Autumn. This will also fit in with our Forest School sessions.

Computing - We will visit the ICT suite and continue to practise basic computer skills such as logging on and off the computer, how to use a mouse and where the letters are on a keyboard. We will also explore paint and create winter pictures.

RE - We will focus on Christianity in particular the Nativity Story.

Art/DT - Our art work and design technology work is based on our topic and children will have the opportunity to retell the events of The Great Fire of London. Children will be given the opportunity in art to explore different techniques with lines, colour, and shapes to create effects. In our design technology lessons we will plan, make and evaluate our own model houses where we will carefully select materials suitable for our structures which will make cross curricular links to our science lessons in Autumn Term 1.

Geography - We will be looking at London past and present to develop an awareness of how it has changed and developed since 1666. We will develop our knowledge of names and locations of places within the UK, specifically London and Trawden. We will also start to look at the similarities and differences between the two locations, acknowledging key features that unique to each location.

PE - The sessions will be delivered by Mr Irvine on a Wednesday. We will also be taking part in active sessions every day. **Please label all items in your child's PE kit and ensure it is in school every day.**



Forest School - We will be linking this with our Science sessions and visit the field when necessary. **Please ensure children have suitable clothing in school for all weathers in a labelled bag that can be kept in school (wellington boots, either an all-in-one waterproof suit OR waterproof pants and jacket are easy for the children to put on over their school uniform. Please also include a scarf and gloves for the colder weather).**

Year 1 Book-et

List:



We put together a list of books that we would like to read by the end of Year 1. If you have any spare copies of our books we would love to have them!

- *Captain Pug* - Laura James
- *The Last Wolf* - Mini Grey
- *The Enormous Potato* - Aubrey Davis
- *Grandpa's Garden* - Stella Fry
- *Katie and the Sunflowers* - James Mathew
- *Revolting Rhymes* - Roald Dahl
- *Ladybird* - Eric Carle
- *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* - Kate Cunningham
- *Funnybones* - Janet and Allen Ahlberg
- *Where the Wild Things Are* - Maurice Sendak