



Welcome back to school!

We hope you have had a great half term and ready for an exciting and busy half term in the run up to Christmas.

Our topic this half term is **Global inspirations.**

Our Gospel Value theme is Peace.

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Christmas - The journey to Bethlehem

Key Questions

- Why did Mary and Joseph make the journey to Bethlehem?
- In what ways would their journey be different from a journey you might make?
- Many other people made the journey. Who might they have been?
 - Why did the shepherds make the journey?

Why did the wise men make the journey?

Science Seasonal changes



-observe changes across the four seasons
-observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.





English



Narrative: Stories from other cultures

Non-Fiction: Historical report/
Biography

Daily no nonsense spellings

Weekly spelling, grammar and
punctuation

Maths



Fractions

Measurement

Properties of shape

History

Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela

-the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods



Art

-about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.



PE



Monday and Thursday

****Please make sure children come to school wearing their PE kits. Plain black leggings or trousers, white T-shirt and either school jumper/cardigan or plain black****

PSHE

Valuing differences

Children will learn about recognising similarities and differences between people.



Our expectations and learning ethos

In Emerald Class, the expectations are that your child will be a self-motivated and enthusiastic learner. To encourage this, your child has many opportunities to be rewarded through house points, Star of the Week, class rewards such as certificates and small prizes. We also hope you will support us in reinforcing our class rules, which we have written together and agreed as a class, to make our class a safe, happy and productive place to be.

Homework

This half term, your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by the end of the half term. The projects are based on the topics we are doing in class. We would encourage you to support your child and work together on the projects, where necessary, and the children will then share their projects with the rest of the class once they are completed.



Reading is so important for your child's development and progress across the curriculum, so please encourage your child by listening to them **every day**.



Each week your child will be given new spellings on Monday for a spelling quiz on Friday. Please support your child in learning their spellings, using their spelling books.

And finally ...

The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Here's to a wonderful half term!

Mrs Summerbell

