Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second Autumn Term, I hope you have all had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to another term packed with lots of learning opportunities. Below I will outline what we have planned in each curriculum area.

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| EYFS English | The EYFS group will be learning their Phase 3 phonics this term and will be practising writing in short sentences this term. We will continue to work on their letter formation and leaving finger spaces between words. We will also focus upon their reading both the words they can decode for themselves but also their understanding of texts they can not yet read for themselves. |
| English | The remainder of the class will begin with list poems on the theme of Bonfire Night before moving onto story writing with a Christmas theme. We will be developing their vocabulary choices as well as teaching how devices such as repetition and alliteration can add to the quality of their writing. We will have a continued focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar with weekly lessons on various aspects of this. |
| EYFS Maths | The EYFS group will focus on 2D shape, pattern and understanding of numbers 0 – 5 before ending the term with the language to describe the passing of time. Please look out for the KIRFS in each homework letter. Maths can also be practised at home using the mathletics account for your child. |
| Year 1 | Year 1 will focus on addition and subtraction this term before moving on to 3D and 2D shape. Please support your child to learn each KIRF as it appears in the homework letter as well as completing homework using the mathletics account for your child. |
| Year 2 | Year 2 we will look at addition and subtraction of two digit numbers, missing number problems, properties of 3D and 2D shapes, learn about symmetry, repeating patterns and then introduce money before the end of term. Year 2 Maths proceeds at a quick pace and it is important that children keep on top of learning their KIRFS each week as well as completing homework on the mathletics account in order to keep up. |
| Science | We will be investigating materials this term and the children will be introduced to terms such as flexible, rigid, transparent, opaque, rough, smooth, waterproof and absorbent, You can use the knowledge organiser to talk about these terms at home with your child and support their understanding. |
| History | We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot this term. Children in Year 1 and 2 will need to know the key people and the sequence of events – you can use the knowledge organiser to prompt them with this at home.  We will also discover how historians find out about the past by looking at a variety of historical sources. |
| RE | In RE Mrs Davies will looking at how Christians celebrate Christmas and we will be telling the Christmas Story. |
| Music | In Music Mrs Davies will be helping the children to explore how music can tell traditional stories ( Jack and the Beanstalk, The Snow Queen). They will be listening to orchestras performing film scores as well as composing their own music. |
| RSE | In RSE we will be focusing on valuing differences. We will look at how we are all different, how our actions and words can make others feel, thinking about how to include everyone as well as looking at how we can help each other in solving problems when they arise. |
| Computing | We will be using Purple Mash to create digital art this term including impressionism, pointillism, work inspired by Mondrian as well as some surrealist art. |
| Art | Mrs Russell will be looking at free standing sculpture this term using a variety of different media. |
| PE | Swimming continues this term with 5 sessions booked beginning on Tuesday of Week 2.  Miss Coles will also conduct 2 hour long PE sessions with multi-skills and gymnastics |

**Homework**

Please look out for the weekly homework letter which will be placed in each child’s homework book.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do keep in contact at the end of the school day or leave a message with the office.

Many thanks

Mrs Spring