



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

- All clothes to be named
- Coats suitable for the weather please.
- Water in water bottles
- PE day is Thursday
- Library – class visit Thursday (2 weekly)
- Library lunchtime - Tuesday



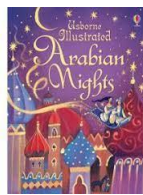
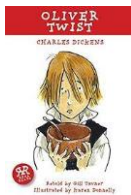
Key dates

- Monday 30th October - Harvest Assembly - Donations welcomed
- Tuesday 7th November - YR-6 Flu Immunisations
- Friday November 10th- Remembrance- Children can wear Scout/Cubs/brownie uniforms
- Friday 1st December- Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Friday
- Friday 8th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm (details to follow)
- Friday 8th December - SAVE THE DATE HLSA Christmas Event (After school)
- Monday 11th December- Elf Run
- Wednesday 13th December- Christmas lunch day
- Friday 15th December- End of term- 1.30 pm



Reading

This term we will be reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens, retold by Gill Tavner. We will continue to focus on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary. Our class read will be the Usborne illustrated version of Arabian Nights.



Writing

This half term in English, we will be reading and innovating the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' focusing on adverbs. We will also be learning how to write a letter and the features we need to use.

ADVERB

An adverb describes a verb, adjective or another adverb.



Maths

This term will continue to add and subtract using 2-digit numbers and solve problems using concrete objects, pictorial images, and mental strategies. We will work on fluency of facts to 20 and use the related facts up to 100. We will then identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes (number of sides and symmetry), and 3-D shapes (edges, faces and vertices). We will also compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects.



Science

This half term we will learn why exercise and hygiene is important for our bodies. We will then be learning how we can conserve energy at home and school. This will focus on our research skills. We will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how we can conserve materials.



History

Our journey through the Victorian Era this term sees us compare the life of children during this extraordinary period of history. We will investigate what life was like for children both rich and poor.

Were children allowed to attend school? What did they do for entertainment?



Art

In Art this half term we are focussing on the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. We will learn about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and apply this knowledge to create a colour wheel. We will be focussing on developing blending techniques and texture and finally applying all of this knowledge to create our own painting in the style of Kandinsky.



PE

This half term our focus in PE moves on to dance. We will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using our body in a range of challenging ways.

We will then begin to put together a complete routine based on the children learning to move like toys.



RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at why light is an important religious symbol. We will learn why light sources are important to us and what light is a symbol of. We will look at instances when light is used in Christianity, including the Star of Bethlehem in the Nativity story and in the Creation story when God said, 'Let there be light'.



PSHE

This term we will ask the question: what makes a good friend? Children will explore characteristics of positive friendships. We will learn that friendship is built on trust, and that squabbling with friends, is okay. We will explore good ways of making friends and finally, how to befriend someone who maybe feeling lonely or shy.



Homework

- Daily reading of school reading books
- Regular practice on Numbots
- English / Maths home learning to be set on Seesaw every Friday – to be completed by the following Thursday. – most of our home-learning is game / interactive based. When needed, we can also print it, so it can be completed on paper and uploaded.



Suggested books for reading

Year 2 recommended reads:

Billy and the Pirates – Nadia Shireen

The Couch Potato - Jory John & Pete Oswald

Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs - Giles Andreae

