



Welcome to Autumn 2

Term 1b - Autumn

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break. Everyone has returned, re-energised and ready to learn, which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

Homework

I have been really impressed with the standard of homework handed in so far this academic year, thank you!

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Every Monday, the children will be tested on their weekly spellings, which can be found at the front of their homework book.

Reading books will continue to be sent home weekly and it would be very helpful to send books back on time so that your child can be issued a new book. **I really cannot stress the impact of regular reading at home as it supports your child's progression of reading and comprehension skills.**

I would like to remind and encourage children to take an active role in their reading and make additional comments (to yours) in their diaries to reflect on the reading and progress they are making at home. I would really enjoy having an insight into what books they enjoy reading at home too.

Your child will soon be given a Times Table Rockstars login and it is really important they access this at home and spend time learning their times tables. They will take part in regular activities and competitions in school linked to TT Rockstars.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths this term and there will be a big focus on calculations including multiplication and division, as well as length and perimeter. We will continue to focus on times tables and I encourage you to support your child when chanting tables and learning them at home. **Knowing the tables and their associated division facts supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts in maths.**

English

Over the next term we will continue to read *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. The story explores what it would be like to travel in the past and live life as a caveman. The children will use this as a stimulus for story writing. Each week your child will have the opportunity to read with me in a small group and will read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non – fiction.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Forces and Magnets'.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Monday and Friday and we will be focusing on games and exploring dance from another culture. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their 'outdoor' school PE kit so that they are warm throughout the day as the weather is now getting colder. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. If you have any questions

about this, please get in touch.

Art

The children will be exploring prehistoric art and using *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein as a stimulus for this topic. The children will be experimenting with charcoal, berries, leaves, homemade paints and more, to get a sense of what it was like to create art thousands of years ago and why these pieces were created.

RE

The children will be learning about the importance of advent.

Spanish

Miss Forth will be continuing to teach Spanish and learn vocabulary linked to school.

History

The children will be thinking about who Britain's first builders were and learning about the changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age. They will create their own cave paintings, jewellery and think like a hunter-gatherer.

I am really looking forward to the term ahead and enjoying some festive activities later in the term!

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell

