

Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 2: Autumn, 2nd Half Term: November 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fun-filled and restful half-term holiday.

With less than 8 weeks until the Christmas break, this half term is set to be a busy one, with many fun filled and festive challenges ahead! Alongside their other curriculum studies, Year 2 will also be working hard to prepare for the Infant Christmas Production, which we look forward to presenting to you on Thursday 7th December.

In English we will start Autumn 2 with our focus text 'The Elves and The Shoemaker'. The children will read and recall the story, looking carefully at the features of a narrative. The children will compare this story to other genres of writing, creating their own instructional texts and persuasive letters. Later in the half term the children will be reading, exploring, creating and presenting a range of poetry. They will look at list poems, calligrams (shape poems) and creative language colour poems. We will also be practising our extended writing, reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In maths we will be learning about ordinal numbers, partitioning of 2-digit numbers, money and consolidation of addition / subtraction strategies. Later in the half term, we will be learning about positions, directions and movement, words problems and addition of near doubles.

In **RE** we will be exploring and asking 'big' questions about the nativity story. We will be looking at the true meaning of Christmas and explore why people refer to Jesus as 'a gift from God'.

In **computing** the children will be thinking about creativity. They will look at the basics of animation, create, edit and improve their own mini animations. They will also be designing and making mini electronic picture books and look at data storage; learning to save their work in the school shared areas.

We continue to receive coaching support during our Monday PE sessions, so please ensure children have a suitable kit in school everyday (**for indoor and outdoor use**). Can we remind parents and carers that children are encouraged to wear plimsolls for indoor use and trainers for outdoor PE sessions. With Autumn temperatures dropping, we also recommend that children bring in suitably warm clothing such as a tracksuits and shower proof coat.

Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Home-learning folders and spellings will continue to be sent home on **Thursdays** and are to be handed in on the following **Tuesdays**. Please note, spelling tests will take place every Tuesday. Please ensure children complete all home-learning and regularly practise their spellings and times tables (Year 2 current focus: x2, x5 and x10).
- Please continue to encourage children to read regularly, this can be books from home, as well as school books. It is really helpful if parents and carers can take some time to read with the children and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support children's developing reading comprehension skills.

We look forward to seeing you all at the parent-teacher consultations on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November, where we will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to Y2, their progress and targets for this half term.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to one of the Year 2 team, or drop us a note.

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