

Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 2: Autumn, 2nd Half Term: October 2018



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 13th December.

In English we will start Autumn 2 with our focus text 'Amazing Grace'. The children will be exploring the life of Grace and writing diary entries in character. They will also be creating their own character profiles. Later in the half term, we will read 'The Elves and The Shoemaker'. The children will read and recall the story, looking carefully at the features of a narrative. We will then compare this story to other genres of writing, creating our own instructional texts and persuasive letters. Towards the end of the half term the children will be reading, exploring, creating and presenting a range of poetry. 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 and subtraction strategies. Later in the half term, we will be learning about positions, directions and movement, word 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 consolidating their basic skills, opening and creating word and picture documents. They will also be developing their creativity by editing and improving written and design work. Finally, we will also 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**). With Autumn temperatures dropping, we 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 **Fridays** and are to be handed in on the following **Wednesdays**. Please note, spelling tests will take place every Wednesday. 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.

I look forward to seeing you all at the parent-teacher consultations on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th 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.

Mrs Jennifer Harris 

Date: 30th October 2018