



Welcome back to school everyone... we hope that you have all had a wonderful and resting half term break. There is a lot to look forward to in the run up to Christmas and we are ready for a busy and exciting half term. As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily in class. Please look out for the overview sheets that are sent home each week with sounds and words to practise at home. Year 1 children will also have some spellings to practise using the 'Look, say, cover, write, check' approach.

DT

We are going to be busy designing and making puppets in DT. We will practise joining materials, develop our designs, make our puppets and finally evaluate them against our design criteria.

Maths

Reception: we are going to be representing and subitising numbers 1-5. We will find 1 more and 1 less. We will also explore the properties of circles, triangles and 4 sided shapes.

Year 1: this half term our focus is addition and subtraction using different methods including number lines. We will also be recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.

Dates to remember

- Parents Evening – 20.11.24
- Nativity – 16.12.24
- Pantomime visit – 11.12.24

History

The Great Fire of London

In History, we will be finding out about significant episodes in the past, we will start off by looking at The Great Fire of London, sequencing key events using a timeline.

Science

Animals Including Humans

We are learning all about animals this half term. We will identify the five different animal families (reptiles, amphibians, fish, mammals and birds).

We will learn about omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. We will find some differences between wild animals and pets.

English

In English we will be writing poetry and letters. A poem called 'Firework Night' and a text called 'I wanna iguana' will inspire us. We will continue to think about using capital letters and full stops correctly and make our writing exciting by using interesting words.

RE

We will be learning about the Islamic faith this half term. We will learn about the Muslim place of worship and discover how Muslims show their faith.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day now the weather has turned cooler. Please make sure all items of clothing (including PE kit) are clearly named.

Reminders...

- Please remember to bring your reading pack every day.
- Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Please hand in on Wednesdays.
- We will be PE on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS. Please fasten back long hair and remove earrings. Please ensure PE kits are in school every day.
- Milk will be provided during snack time, please complete and return the relevant forms ASAP.