



Autumn2 Newsletter

We hope you all had a lovely Autumn holiday and enjoyed Halloween with your friends and families. We have a lovely half-term ahead of us with Christmas performances to look forward to!

Our PE days will continue to be Monday and Tuesday this half term. On Monday, Mrs Smith will be teaching Gymnastics and on Tuesday children will be taught Games by the Derby School Sports Partnership. These lessons may be taken outside, weather allowing, so send your children to school in appropriate P.E. kit.

Please ensure you bring a labelled water bottle, freshly filled each day to stay hydrated whilst in school. You are welcome to bring your own fruit into school for a playtime snack. This should be left in your school bag in the cloakroom. You can bring a single pencil case to keep at school. Please ensure that stationary is functional rather than toy like, to avoid distraction from our learning.

For *statutory homework*, please concentrate on:

- Practise times tables at home. Children need to know all the multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 by May 2025. TT Rockstars is brilliant for practising speed and fluency on a tablet, as this is how the children will be tested later in the year.
- Read at least four times a week. This should be recorded in home reading diaries and will be monitored by class teachers and teaching assistants.
- Spellings will be handed out on a Monday, should be learnt at home, and then tested in school the following Monday morning.

Look at the **Homework menu** for this half-term for *additional* homework activities, linked to our learning in class, should you wish to participate.

Children should bring their reading book to school every day, as we often have whole class reading or one to one reading with an adult. They can then change their books independently, giving free choice, when complete.

A weekly newsletter on Parent Hub will summarise our learning each week and deliver key messages. If you require any further information don't hesitate to catch us at the end of the school day at the cloakroom door or via the school office.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Ringer.

Maths: Multiplication and Division. We will focus on multiplication and division facts for x3, x6, x7, x9, x11 and x12+ tables plus multiply three numbers together.

Times tables continue to be crucial for understanding and by the end of Year 4 they will be tested on all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Your support at home will make a huge difference.

Computing: We will follow the Purple Mash scheme of work and cover 'Hardware Investigators' and 'Writing for different audiences'.

PE: The children will do Gymnastics on a Monday afternoon and Derby County SSP Football lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and footwear for outdoor and indoor sessions.

RE: Children look at different ways scriptures are used and what this shows about the value placed on them. They experience how the Guru Granth Sahib is treated like royalty and analyse information collaboratively.

French: We will be learning to speak and write French. 'Presenting Myself' and 'Goldilocks'.

Science: This half-term we focus on 'The Digestive System'. We will learn how we extract nutrition from the food we eat, about the organs of the digestive system and the function of our teeth. How animals have adapted teeth to suit their diet and about food chains.

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PSHE: 'Being Me'. Children will learn that we are all different and many aspects make us what we are. People have visible/invisible differences that need to be respected.

Library is on Monday morning at breaktime, every fortnight.

English: Our first text in writing is, '**A Journey to the Wonderful world of your Microbiome**'. This fits in very well with our science this half-term and will lead into us writing a non-fiction explanation. Our second text is **Aladdin and the Enchanted lamp**, a lovely traditional tale narrative.

In whole class reading we will be working together to analyse and understand texts through VIPERS skills.

We continue to develop neat, legible, and joined up handwriting, and focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills.

D&T: Cooking and Nutrition, Adapting a Recipe. We will be having lots of fun researching different types of biscuits, how to adapt their recipes and evaluating our results. Sounds yummy!

Geography: What's it like in Whitby? The children will learn about the physical geography of Whitby, including its Jurassic cliffs and proximity to the North Yorkshire Moors. They will use maps, atlases, and digital maps to explore the town, what the land is used for and what there is to do in Whitby.

Music: Class 4 will learn to play a violin or cello with the Wider Opportunities String Instrument Team. This half term the focus is Introducing Instrument Skills.