



Year 2 Newsletter

November 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

Religion Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Advent to Christmas'. We will be exploring how Mark portrays the birth of baby Jesus and how the Church prepares for the season of Advent understanding that Advent is the beginning of the Church year. We will use and describe the Lectio Divina to learn about prayer.

Literacy

This half term we will be using the text *The Robot and the Bluebird* by David Lucas. We will first introduce the book and begin to ask questions about the characters. We will be exploring role-play to create debates considering the question 'Are humans and robots the same?' We will use freeze frame and thought tracking to develop a perception of characters' emotions. We will use the text to investigate adverbs, verbs and expanded noun phrases. We will consider how speech is used and begin to use inverted commas in our writing.

Numeracy

We will continue to recall number bonds to 100 using a range of representations such as a tens and ones grid, part-part whole and the bar model. We will begin to read one and two step word problems involving addition and subtraction. We will order length using standard and non-standard units. Please continue to practise skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as this will support our learning in the new year.

Science:

In this unit, children learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. Children will classify different kinds of animal babies, learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care.



Topic

We will be learning from the past and studying the Great Fire of London! Children will talk about and sequence some of the key events of the Great Fire of London. We will understand why the Great Fire of London spread and eventually stopped. We will explain how we know about the Great Fire of London from a variety of primary sources. The children will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of the past by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th century.

PE

Outdoor PE - Games - Throwing and Catching. In this unit children will improve and apply their basic skills, with a particular focus on different ways of throwing and catching the ball. They will play games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points. Both classes will have PE on Wednesday afternoon and therefore the children will need to wear their kits into school. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on this day and that earrings are removed before school.

Reminders:

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. The children will be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band.

Due to the current circumstances, your child did not complete their Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. As per new government guidance, this will now take place during this half term. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Each week, we will send home via Google Classrooms some words to sound out and blend with your child.

Please email the school office office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Galvin and Mrs Kells