

Christmas:

Christmas will soon be with us, we have an exciting play to perform which we think you and the children will really enjoy!

We will be finding out about the Christmas story, who celebrates and how they celebrate.

We will be again telling stories, thinking about the different traditions in each other's homes, getting creative and learning new songs!

Literacy:

We are encouraging the children to write a little more and in more detail.

We are learning a text with actions and pictures so that the children become very familiar with the words. They will then use this to create a piece of writing of their own.

VCOP:

We will be working on improving the children's writing more this term too. We will use VCOP- vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. We will work on each of these and encourage the children to think about their audience by making their writing more interesting.

As you are reading with your child keep a look out for good vocabulary and different types of punctuation, making sure that the children understand their uses (we will focus on . , ? ! " ' ').

PATHS:

Compliments are going really well, thank you for returning the sheets with the compliments from home. We have been really pleased you have all worked hard on the PATHS homework sheets-thank you, this will be continuing.

Please make sure that the children are sharing books at home, this not only helps their reading but also builds up their vocabulary and knowledge of writing so that their written work improves.

Welcome back, we hope that you had a good half term.

Once again we are proud of the children as they have come straight in ready to get on with the exciting half term ahead!

This term we will be focusing on the topic of 'Festivals and Celebrations'.

This will cover all areas of the curriculum this half term.



Important dates for year 2:

10th, 11th and 12th November-Parents evening
w/c 23rd November- Year 2 Family Learning activities - details to follow
7th and 9th December-Christmas performances.

18th December- school closes
PE will be Wednesday (Gymnastics) and Friday (dance)

Please ensure that PE kit is in school every day

Please come along and listen to story time- will be a Friday at 2.40. See you then!

As always please do come and see us if you need to!

Year 2 team

Fireworks:

This week we have been finding out about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Guy Fawkes was alive over 400 years ago so this obviously covers some history.

We have also linked the fireworks in with our safety work from last term, the children have designed some brilliant posters to help everyone stay safe whilst also enjoyed the fireworks. Lots of the children are very excited about seeing fireworks at the weekend so wrap up warm and enjoy!

We will continue with fireworks by finding out how different people around the world use them to celebrate.

Diwali:

Diwali is a Hindu festival that took place just before half term. It is the festival of light and is often celebrated using fireworks.

Firstly we will look a little at the Hindu religion linking it back and comparing it to Christianity.

We will spend a week looking at the story of Diwali and how it is celebrated today.

This creates opportunities for storytelling, artwork, cookery and pattern making in different ways.

African Drumming:

Steve has been teaching the children once a week and this will continue until Christmas- as usual the rhythms and songs are brilliant!

Numeracy:

We will be continuing with number facts and applying them with addition and subtraction.

Fractions of shapes $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$

Measuring- it would be helpful if the children worked on weight using scales in g and kg, capacity using a measuring jug using ml - perfect for some cooking and then using a ruler accurately using cm

