



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

PE – Friday afternoon – Please come in PE kit

Reading Books – Please send them in everyday.
Reading books will be changed on a Friday

Tapestry – Please continue to use it as a way to let us know about exciting events or learning

Key dates

Tuesday 3rd - Friends of Cross Farm AGM

Monday 9th October – Parents Evening
4pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 10th - Flu jabs

Wednesday 11th October – Parents Evening
3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 11th October - School Photos



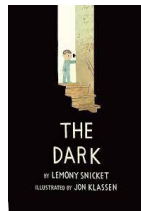
Half Term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Reading

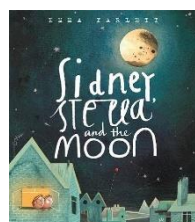
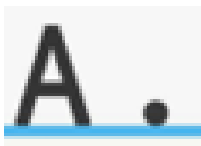
This term we will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We will be focussing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.

Our class read will be 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.



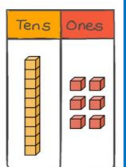
Writing

In English this term, we will be learning how to retell and write our own versions of the story 'Sidney Stella and the Moon'. We will also write a non-fiction piece of text titled 'Dragons'. The children will practice when to use capital letters and full stops and apply this to their writing.



Maths

Year 2 will recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers (tens/ones). We will count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward and will start to identify and estimate where numbers are placed on a number line. We will also read and write numbers to 100 in numerals/words, and compare them using the $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. We will then start on the addition and subtraction unit which will continue into the following term.



Science

In Science this half term, our topic is animals, including humans. We will focus on the life cycles of animals and humans. We will find out about the basic needs of animals and humans, and we will describe the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and have personal hygiene.



History

This term we think like historians, discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. We will be learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, inventors, and their inventions, and what life was like for children during this time in history.



Art

Our art unit this term is about drawing in the style of Pablo Picasso. We are learning to draw using pencil and developing lots of different skills including shading and hatching. The students will learn about the artwork of Pablo Picasso and Cubism before creating their own portraits inspired by what they have learned.



PE

This term in Year 2 our focus in PE is on Invasion Games, working specifically on developing our football skills. We will explore dribbling, turning in different directions as well as learning how to lose an opponent and create space to score



RE

This half term in RE, we will be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be learning about the Nativity. We will look at the similarities and differences of Matthew and Luke's account of The Nativity and what the key differences are. We will look at who Mary and Joseph were, who visited the manger and why Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Egypt.



PSHE

PSHE will focus on children recognising that they all have similarities and differences. We will explore their interests, inside and outside of school, touch on mental health and then explore physical differences -for example- height and hair colour; before finishing the term on their different personality traits.



Homework

Daily reading is our key focus this half term.

A home learning grid will be released in November full of exciting learning opportunities, so watch this space.

Suggested books for reading

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Robin Fun Facts. Fun Facts on Birds for Kids by Michelle Hawkins.

Sidney, Stella, and the Moon by Emma Yarlett
Ladybird Histories: Victorians

Life Cycles: Everything from Start to Finish' (DK Life Cycles)

Pablo Picasso by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
The Christmas Story by Ian Beck.