



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

As the weather gets colder the children need to bring a coat to school everyday.

Thursday 30th of November is St Andrews Day. The children can come to school in club uniforms.

Key dates

November

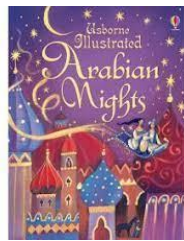
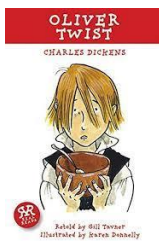
- Thursday 2nd** - Skipping Workshop
- Monday 6th** –Friends PTA meeting 7.30 via Teams
- Wednesday 8th** - SEND 'Come and Ask' session 9am and 12pm
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th** - Anti Bullying Week/Odd Socks (details TBC)
- Friday 24th** - CLIC Year 2 Parents/Carers come and find out how we teach reading 8.55am-9.25am or 2.45pm -3.10pm
- Thursday 30th** - School Disco 5pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 30th** - St Andrews Day children can come to school in club uniforms

December

- Tuesday 5th** - Children's Shopping Event (in school)
- Friday 8th** - Children's Christmas Fair (in school event)
- Tuesday 12th** - Explorers Nativity (details TBC)
- Wednesday 13th** - Christmas Lunch for the children
- Wednesday 13th** - Yr1 and Yr2 Carols by Candlelight (details tbc)

Friday 15th - End of term 1.15pm finish

This term we will be reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens, retold by Gill Tavner. We will continue to focus on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary. Our class read will be the Usborne illustrated version of Arabian Nights.



Writing

This half term in English, we will be reading and innovating the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' focusing on adverbs. We will also be learning how to write a letter and the features we need to use.

ADVERB

An adverb describes a verb, adjective or another adverb.



Maths

This term will continue to add and subtract using 2-digit numbers and solve problems using concrete objects, pictorial images, and mental strategies. We will work on fluency of facts to 20 and use the related facts up to 100. We will then identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes (number of sides and symmetry), and 3-D shapes (edges, faces and vertices). We will also compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects.



Science

This half term we will learn why exercise and hygiene is important for our bodies. We will then be learning how we can conserve energy at home and school. This will focus on our research skills. We will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how we can conserve materials.



History

Our journey through the Victorian Era this term sees us compare the life of children during this extraordinary period of history. We will investigate what life was like for children both rich and poor.

Were children allowed to attend school? What did they do for entertainment?



Art

In Art this half term we are focussing on the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. We will learn about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and apply this knowledge to create a colour wheel. We will be focussing on developing blending techniques and texture and finally applying all of this knowledge to create our own painting in the style of Kandinsky.



PE

This half term our focus in PE moves on to dance. We will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using our body in a range of challenging ways.

We will then begin to put together a complete routine based on the children learning to move like toys.



RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at why light is an important religious symbol. We will learn why light sources are important to us and what light is a symbol of. We will look at instances when light is used in Christianity, including the Star of Bethlehem in the Nativity story and in the Creation story when God said, 'Let there be light'.



PSHE

This term we will ask the question: what makes a good friend? Children will explore characteristics of positive friendships. We will learn that friendship is built on trust, and that squabbling with friends, is okay. We will explore good ways of making friends and finally, how to befriend someone who maybe feeling lonely or shy.



Homework

Homework this half term will focus on embedding learning from Autumn 1. You will receive our Home Learning letter with 6 invitations to learn; a mixture of English, Maths, and Foundation subject learning. We will then share this home learning during our class assembly on a Thursday, so please feel free to upload photos to Tapestry or send the learning in to school to be shared in class. And of course KEEP reading!!!!

Suggested books for reading

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Retold by Gill Taver
The Dark By Lemony Snicket
Usborne's Illustrated Arabian Nights

And any other book that you ENJOY!!!

