



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B

Theme: Festivals and Celebrations



English

In English, our writing will relate to our Festivals and Celebrations theme. We will begin by reading the text 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' by Hilary Robinson to address Remembrance. The story aims to help children engage with history, Remembrance and to understand that friendship will always be the most powerful force in the pursuit of peace. We will then look at the story of Rama and Sita to celebrate Diwali and produce colour poems to reflect Diwali. We will then learn the features of non-chronological reports and produce an information text about the festivals and celebrations we have learnt about including Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Diwali and Christmas. At the beginning of December, we will move on to look at the Christmas Story and following an online author event with Alex T. Smith, we will read his book, 'The Nutcracker: and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans' and complete writing activities related to this. During whole class reading comprehensions, we will explore a range of texts relating to our themes and after reading them, answer some questions about them. In handwriting lessons, we will continue to learn some joins and begin to apply what we have learnt into our independent writing. In our grammar lessons, we will learn how some nouns are made by compounding (sticking 2 together, eg snowman), verbs using _ing in the present and past tense (eg I am hoping, He was shouting), capital letters for proper nouns (names, places, months, days etc), sentence types (questions and exclamations) and adjectives using _er and _est (big, bigger, biggest).

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring addition and subtraction. We will use a wide range of equipment to understand all the different ways we can solve number sentences. We will explore number bonds and fact families knowing how $4 + 5 = 9$ is the same outcome as $5 + 4 = 9$ and how if we know this, we can also understand that $9 - 4 = 5$ and $9 - 5 = 4$. We will explore adding 3 numbers together, adding and subtracting 1 to numbers, 10 more and 10 less, adding a 1-digit number to a two-digit number and adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers to two-digit numbers. We will be using lots of practical equipment including base 10, number lines, tens frames and part-whole models to support the children with their learning.

KIRFS: (Key Instant Recall Facts) This is taught daily to help the children recall number facts quickly. This term we will be focusing on knowing multiplication and division facts for the 10 x table and mentally recalling 10 more and less than a number. Here are some

useful websites to help you – www.ictgames.com/www.hitthebutton.com/TTRockstars

You can also [click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands](#)

Foundation Subjects

Science – We will be embedding our knowledge and skills of the Science units taught so far focussing on Animals including humans through a range of ‘connect’ recall activities.

Art – ‘Exploring the World Through Mono Print’. In Art we will be using a simple mono print technique to develop drawing skills, encourage experimentation and ownership over our own work.

RSHE – We will be thinking about caring friendships and respectful relationships, including the characteristics of friendships, respecting one another, and playing cooperatively.

RE – ‘How is New Life Welcomed?’. We will learn how different families welcome a new baby, how names may be chosen and how Christians and Muslims have special ways to welcome a new baby into the family. We will be visiting Mount Methodist to learn about Baptism in November. We will also find out about non-religious welcoming ceremonies.

Computing – ‘Digital Photography.’ We will be learning how to take photos in different formats, describe what determines a good photo, make choices when taking a photo, learn how to improve and edit photos and recognise that photos can be changed.

Music: Songwriting - We will be listening to and learning to sing some new songs before learning to write some of our own. We will listen to recordings of our singing to discuss what is good and how we can improve it. In the lead up to Christmas and Diwali we will learn some celebration songs.

PE – This half term we will be covering two units from our ‘Beyond The Physical’ scheme. One session a week will be coach led – **‘Hands, Feet, Equipment’**. Children will develop their dribbling skills with different types of equipment and using different parts of their bodies to improve object control.

One session each week will be teacher led – **‘Throw, Prepare, Catch’**. This will build up children’s hand eye coordination skills. They will learn to throw, prepare and catch a range of different objects in a variety of ways.

Both units provide important foundations for children to participate in many invasion games involving throwing and catching and dribbling skills.

History – We will be learning about the life and impact of a famous Briton (Guy Fawkes) and how his actions began the celebration of Bonfire Night, an event that has been happening in Britain for hundreds of years. We will also learn the meaning and importance of Parliament in this country.

Special Events

Tuesday 28th November: As part of our RE unit 'How is New Life Welcomed?' We will visit Mount Methodist Church to find out how some Christians welcome a new baby into the family and church. We will take part in a mock Baptism and take on the roles of family and friends as we learn about some ceremonies, artefacts and celebrations.

Homework

Reading

We recommend 20 minutes of daily reading at home. When your child reads with you at home, please write a comment in their reading diary.

Spelling

Spellings for the half term will be sent out, children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. At the end of each half term, they will be tested on 20 words from across the half term. Please use Spelling Shed as a tool to motivate and support your child to learn their spellings. Usernames and passwords are attached to your child's reading record.

Maths

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum, children will learn the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. There will be a weekly multiplication test in school. We would encourage you to help your child practise the Year 2 times tables using their Times Table Rockstars account. Usernames and passwords are attached to your child's reading record. You may wish to also use the Hit the Button online game which can be accessed at: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Reminders

Reading packets: Reading packets need to be in school daily – books will be changed on a Tuesday / Friday. Please comment when you read with your child, so we know to swap the book.

Spelling books: These should be returned to school before the next test after you have reviewed the previous week with your child. Spelling tests will be every Friday. You will receive an overview of the term's spellings separately.

PE Kits: Please can you ensure PE kits are named and remain in school for the half term. If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on P.E. days or provide tape. Long hair

must be tied back for that day or provide a bobble. Please can you provide your child with a sweat band to cover any religious jewellery.

Water bottles: Water bottles should be named and sent into school daily containing still water only.

Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support.

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Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours.

Important Dates

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 28th November – Visit to Mount Methodist Church

Monday 18th December @ 2:30pm – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December @ 5:30pm – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December – Last day of Autumn B

Monday 8th January – School reopens for the Spring A half term.

