



Welcome to Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope that you all had a restful break.

Writing

In our Talk for Writing sessions this half term, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing, in particular looking at *instruction texts*. Our model text that we will be working from is *How to Make an Invisibility Potion*. We will be orally retelling this set of instructions, using our text map and actions. The children will be learning about the main structural and language features of instruction texts, with a particular focus on the use of adverbs and imperative (bossy) verbs. The children will create their own versions of the model text. They will then move on to planning and writing their own set of instructions. The children will focus on using the correct punctuation in their writing, as well as using time conjunctions, bossy verbs and adverbs in their instructions.

Maths

This half term we will be working on three main units. Firstly, *measuring* with a focus on comparing and ordering length (in metres and centimetres). Our second unit is *graphs*, during which the children will be interpreting and creating simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables. Finally, we will begin a unit on *multiplication and division*. The children will begin to learn the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and use these to solve problems. During this half term, we will send home the children's *Times Tables Rockstars* log in, which they can use to practise their multiplication and division facts.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be focusing on Animals including Humans. The children will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). They will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

History

We are continuing our history topic of *Changes to Alexandra Palace*. We will continue to learn about the changes that have taken place over the years at Alexandra Palace and where these fit in to a timeline. We will be learning about the fire that took place in 1980 and the impact that this had on how the Palace and Park were used. We will also be finding out about its more recent history and how Alexandra Palace is used today. We hope to be able to visit the Palace grounds over the course of the term. Towards the end of the topic, we will be considering how Alexandra Palace might be used in the future. The children will present their ideas in groups to their class.

Art

In art this half term, the children will continue to find out about and explore the art work of our class artists, Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. Additionally, they will be looking at the work of sculptor Anish Kapoor.

Physical Education

In PE this half term, our focus is Gymnastics—Spinning, Turning and Twisting. This half term, PE takes place on Tuesday (Hepworth) and Monday (Moore). Please ensure they have their PE kit on these days. The children will be swimming every week. Swimming takes place on Thursdays (Hepworth) and Fridays (Moore).

PSHE

This half term our unit of work is *Myself and My Relationships: Anti-Bullying*. During this unit of work we will develop the children's understanding of the key characteristics of bullying and enable them to develop, explore and apply definitions of bullying to a range of situations including cyberbullying. They will explore reasons why bullying happens, how bullying may affect us, how to respond to bullying and how to support others.

Computing

The children will become game testers. The pupils will try to work out how some simple Scratch games work. They will be carefully describing what happens in computer games and to be aware of how to use games safely.

Religious Education

We are continuing to learn about Christianity this half term. We will be learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas. Our key question that we will be considering throughout this unit of work is *Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?*

Homework

Home learning letters are handed out each week on a Friday. This term we continue to focus on spelling and quick recall of number facts. We will begin to focus on multiplication tables towards the end of term (linked in to our maths unit). We will notify you in our weekly homework letters. At this point, please use the *Times Tables Rockstars* app to support your child's recall. Spelling challenges take place on a Friday. This half term we will be focusing on Year 2 Common Exception words and words containing the long vowel sounds they have learnt in Phonics sessions. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily. Guided reading books are changed every Friday. Please ensure your child brings their books back to school the following week.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or need any support with the homework tasks, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations are taking place next Tuesday (15th) and Wednesday (16th) via zoom. Please ensure you have booked an appointment with your class teacher via this link: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/campsbourne>

Kind regards,
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