**Autumn 2 Newsletter**

Well, Autumn 1 went quickly and now we are well and truly heading straight for winter. We have lots of exciting things happening this half term and this letter will outline what to expect.

**Forest School**

As you will know our sessions will continue on Tuesday afternoons. Some children are arriving without any waterproof coats on Tuesdays and so please remember, the children will go out whether it’s raining or not. Also, they are more likely to get muddy at this time of year so we will make sure they have time to change into their gear.

**PE**

Sessions are still on Thursdays and Fridays. Sometimes these sessions will be outside, so send your child in a PE jumper on those days. Please could children with long hair bring hair bobbles or, preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. With earrings, if the children cannot remove them themselves for the session, could they kindly not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for that session.

**Cadbury World trip.**

Just a reminder to say that we are going on a school trip to Cadbury World on Monday 12th December. Please bring your child to school at 8:15am and we will aim to be back at school by 4:15. If there are to be delays returning, we will keep you posted by Yammer. We’ll send another message out about this nearer the time.

**Parents’ Evening**

If you haven’t already, please book an appointment for a parents’ evening appointment by sending us both a private message on Yammer. The evenings are Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November.

**Class 3 and 4 carol concert**

To get us in the festive spirit, on 6th December, we will be singing some carols for parents to come and join in with. This will be in the church straight after school.

**Class 3 and 4 Christmas Performance**

On 14th December we will be performing our Christmas show. We will do two performances to enable as many parents to come as possible - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. More details will follow.

**There are lots of other exciting whole school things happening too, so keep a look out on yammer.**

**Curriculum**

**Maths** This half term we are looking at addition and subtraction and then moving onto multiplication and division. Please continue to use TT Rock Stars to help your children to learn their times tables.

**English** This half term, we are reading a new class book called ‘The Boy Who Grew Dragons’. We will be concentrating on comprehension - working out how to infer things that aren’t explicit; discussing why the author has chosen certain ways to write things; and how to use what we know to predict what might happen next. We will also be getting the children to concentrate on changing the tone of their voice to suit the style of writing.

We will also be looking at poetry and non-fiction books related to our science topic on plants and using these to write our own poems, reports and explanations.

**Reading** Please remember the diaries are checked every Monday and we are keeping a running tally of how many times your child has read each week. We can count up to 7 reads per week, so get reading!

**Science** Our science this half term will be about plants: roots and water transportation; the life cycle of a flowering plant; pollination in greater detail; photosynthesis and an investigation into the needs of plants.

**Art and Design** The children will be learning how to draw from observation, sketching using sketching pencils and learning how to control their pencils to achieve different effects. They will also explore sculpture, learning how to twist and manipulate wire to make a 3D flower as well as using clay to make a dragon’s eye!

**Computing** This half term we will be looking at spreadsheets using the program 2Calculate on Purple Mash.

**RE** This half term we will be learning about Incarnation and working towards answers to the big question ‘What is the Trinity?’

**PSHE** We will look at various aspects to do with growing and changing, keeping safe and healthy lifestyles.

**French**

This half term we will be learning how to greet people in French and have conversations about how you are.