

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas and the New Year. Last half-term we made lots of special memories such as visiting Santa at the local garden centre, the nativity, the pantomime trip, and lots more! It was lovely to see all the children so happy and enjoying school. Our new topic this half-term is The Great Fire of London.



A mention that this term my PPA will be taken on a Monday and Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Crofts and Mr Robinson teaching the class.

Please, read the general information below.

General Information:

Snacks and Water: Please ensure that your child brings water in their labelled drinking bottles and that they have a healthy snack for the afternoon. If they bring it in a snack pot, please ensure these are named. No crisps, chocolate or sweets please. Also, a reminder that this snack must be nut free.

Homework: Thank you for all the Autumn 2 homework- I was so impressed with all the work the children have completed at home. Just look at our new display! As a school, we are going to continue with the homework projects so the children will receive a new homework grid to be completed over the next few weeks. There are lots of different homework activities which are related to our learning this half-term. As usual Spellings, Reading and Phonics sound practise is expected each week.

Forest School: There will be no Forest School this half-term.

We've got an exciting half-term ahead of us! Here are some of the things we will be learning about:



Spring 1 in Class 1

English: In English this half-term, the children will learn the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We will closely look at a non-fiction book about The Great Fire of London. We will also learn about acrostic poems and the children will be given the opportunity to write their own.

The children be tested on their Spellings every Thursday. Please can you make sure your child practices their Spellings beforehand. I have sent out a hard copy of the Spellings for the entire half-term and I will send regular reminders on Yammer.

Every Monday, the children should all come home with two reading books that is matched to their book band. It is expected that the children do at least 3 reads per week with an adult. Each child will

also have the opportunity to go to the school library and choose books to read for pleasure over the half-term. In KS1, please use the reading records continuously and sign in your child's diary when you have read with them. I have kept a record of how many reads your child has achieved over the course of Autumn 1 and 2. There have been some fantastic results- two children within the class has achieved over 100 reads! After you have read at home, remember to pop their reading diary and books back into their bag ready for the next day as the children have the opportunity to read to a member of staff at school.

Maths: The Maths learning follows the White Rose Maths scheme, which ties in with the New Primary Curriculum. Key mathematical concepts covered this term include shape and place value within 20.

History: History is the driver subject for this half-term. We will be looking at The Great Fire of London and writing diary entries as if we were living in 1666.

Design and Technology: The children will be continuing with designing, creating and evaluating corgi puppets this half-term as we ran out of time last half-term due to the nativity.

Art: Within Art this half-term, we are very lucky as the local 'Woodborough Art group' are going to provide Art workshops to the children. The fabulous artists are going to support the children to learn new watercolour techniques and create their own piece of art based on the new school values. Keep an eye out on Yammer for more information.

PE: This half term PE sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday and will be delivered by our specialised PE coaches.

RE: The topic this half term in RE is 'creation'; this involves understanding who made the world.

PSHE: Within PSHE we will be doing the topic 'Me and Others' under the heading Identity, Society and Equality.

Finally, if require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to message me on Yammer or alternatively email me at ecdennis@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk. I am always very happy to help. 😊

Kindest Regards,

Miss Craig-Dennis