



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are ready to begin Autumn Term 2! This half term we will be spending a lot of time preparing for our KS1 Nativity, which is very exciting! We are also looking forward to 'Monster Phonics Day' which is this Friday - be sure to dress up as your favourite Monster Phonics character.

### General Information

- Snacks and water - Please make sure that your child brings water in their labelled drinking bottle, and that they have a piece of fruit for morning break and a healthy snack for afternoon break if they would like one. If their snack is in a tupperware container, please make sure this is labelled too. There is fruit available in the class for the children to help themselves to if they do not have a snack, and we are now offering hot mid-morning snacks.

Children's snacks should not be crisps, chocolate or sweets. Please also be aware that we are a nut free school, with some pupils who are highly allergic. Please do not send your child in with a snack that contains or may contain nuts, including cereal bars and chocolate spread.

- Clothing - Please remember to label your child's clothing, to help us return items of lost property to their correct home.
- Homework - Each week the children will be asked to learn 10 spellings for the following week, which will be sent out on Viva Engage. Their spelling test will be every Tuesday for this half term (please see the attached document for the Autumn 2 spellings).

We will continue to send your child home with 2 books to read - a monster phonics book and a rising stars book. Books will be changed once a week, every Wednesday (please note that we will only change your child's books if we can see that the book has been fully read, in their reading record. Ideally each book should be read a couple of times). Please write continuously throughout the reading record, using both sides of the record. Each day your child reads, this will contribute towards their 100, 200 and 300 reads - so get reading!

- Forest School - During my PPA, the children will be doing Forest School with Miss Attenborough every Tuesday afternoon. For this, they will likely be heading outside most weeks. Please can you send your child in with waterproofs and wellies (you are welcome to leave these at school for the duration of this half term).

### The Autumn Term 2 Curriculum in Class 2:

This half term our class theme is 'Colour Creations', looking specifically at creating colours and different artists' work. We have lots of fun, different activities for the children to complete across the whole curriculum. Here is a little bit of information about what we will be covering in each subject.

- English: We will begin with reading 'William and the Missing Masterpiece' by Helen Hancock, followed by 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds and 'The Artist' by Ed Vere.





- Maths: In Maths, the school follows the WhiteRose Maths scheme. We will continue with addition and subtraction. Once we have completed this topic, we will move onto Shape.
- Science: This half term we are continuing learning all about the uses of everyday materials, and carrying out some fun investigations.
- Art: The children will be making colour creations inspired by Wassily Kandinsky and Piet Mondrian.
- PE: For this half term our PE days have changed. The children will still have PE every Thursday with Grade A, where they will be doing yoga. Their other PE lesson has moved to Monday, where they will be doing dance, taught by Brooke Bathgate. Please make sure that your children wear their PE kits to school those days, and those with long hair have it tied up. Please do not worry though if you forget for the first few weeks.
- RE: This half term we will be finding answers to the big question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.
- PSHE: In PSHE we will finish looking at Family and Relationships, and move on to Health and Wellbeing.

Finally, if you require any further information or have any questions please feel free to contact me, either via Yammer or email. My email address is [hstocks@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk](mailto:hstocks@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk).

Kindest regards,

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