



**Welcome to Year 1 & Year 2's Newsletter**  
Autumn 2 2018

**Welcome Back!**

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for all the excitement of autumn 2. Please make note of the key dates below:

Cinema Visit: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Parents' Evening Dates: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
December 3:00pm - 5:00pm and  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm -  
5:00pm  
Whole School Christmas Production at  
Darlaston Town Hall: Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 1:30pm

**Exciting English: Traditional tales and Growing Up**

**Year 1**

Year 1 children will be exploring fiction, non-fiction and poetry this half term. They will be reading the story *The Cloud Spotter*. For the non-fiction unit, they will look at *Usborne Book of Big Machines* in order to come up with ideas to invent their own machine. In poetry they will be reading some *Hairy Tales* as inspiration to write their own poems.

**Year 2**

Year 2 will also be exploring poetry, fiction and non-fiction. They will be looking at the stories *Not Now Bernard* and *Oscar Got the Blame*. For their non-fiction unit they will be looking at *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle. Then in poetry they will get the opportunity to be very silly when they look at Michael Rosen's *Book of Very Silly Poems*.

**Marvellous Maths**

**Year 1**

Year 1 will be moving onto looking at shapes this half term. They will explore the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. They will then consolidate their understanding of place value, but this time, they will be looking at the place value of numbers within 20.

**Year 2**

Year 2 will be mastering their understanding of length and mass to begin the half term. They will then move back to looking at number and will use the knowledge they gained in autumn 1 of addition and subtraction to aid them in learning strategies for solving multiplication and division sums.

**Times Tables**

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? KS1 will be concentrating on their 2s, 5s and 10s throughout the year. It is very important that they know them at speed.

There are lots of games online to help them too: a good one is, 'Hit the Button!'

**Topic: Moon Zoom**

This term we have an exciting topic all about space! The children will be exploring an alien landing and will use their scientific skills to solve problems related to what they find. In History, they will look at significant figures linked to space travel and learn all about astronauts. They will also learn all about the solar system in Art by creating their own models.

**Science: Materials**

The children will be given the opportunity to explore the properties of different materials. They will name a range of everyday materials. They will then sort and group these materials based on their simple physical properties.

**RE: What do Christians Give Gifts at Christmas?**

In RE the children will learn about the Christian religion and in particular will explore the reasons behind the Christmas traditions they hold.

**ICT**

This term the children will be completing simple task on the computer by following instructions. They will use a drawing software to design and create their own alien drawings.



**PSHE: Celebrating difference**

Our topic in PSHE explores how everybody is different and that diversity should be celebrated. It will include anti-bullying and will be a very important topic.

**WOW Day! (Alien Landing)**

This half term the children will stumble across some very strange events happening within school. We don't want to give too much away, but here is a clue below:



Ask your children what they found...

**PE**

Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**. PE will be on the following days for each class:  
Miss Merrick - Friday AM  
Miss Lago - Tuesday  
Mrs Pang - Friday PM

**Weekly Homework**

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday. Children will be issued with homework on Wednesday along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

**Topic Homework.**

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do. Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.

**A reminder:** Children should always be wearing their school uniform with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery except a watch and stud earrings. **Please make sure that the children's belongings are labelled with their names.**