



St Paulinus



Year Two Autumn Term Newsletter

The children completed a brilliant first half term in Year 2 and we are now even more excited about the year ahead. A highlight so far has got to be our trip to 'The Priory' – we learnt so much and the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Take a look at the information below to find out what we have to look forward to this half term.

Maths

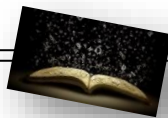
This half term, we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction and the application of these skills. Next week, we are excited to be celebrating Maths Week and developing our knowledge of shape by looking at the special link between Art and Maths. Later in the half term, we will be exploring money including recognising coins and calculating amounts.



English

In English, we are beginning the half term with poetry. We are looking at similes and using descriptive vocabulary to write poems about autumn and fireworks. Next, we will be enjoying a range of traditional tales and looking at the important language features in order to write our own versions. Finally, we will end the half term with some exciting explanation texts.

We have loved our daily chapters of 'The Witches' over the past couple of weeks and we are getting very excited to find out what happens at the end. Once it is complete, we will be reading another gorgeous story, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.'



RE

Before we begin to devote our attention to Advent, we will complete our unit of work in which we think about signs and symbols and the importance of these in Baptism.

PE

PE will continue to take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** each week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. This half term, Year 2 will be developing their skills in Gymnastics and Dance.

General

Just a gentle reminder about ensuring your child has their name in coats, jumpers and cardigans please.

Topic

This term, our topic explores the question 'Would you rather live in Kenya or England?' Here are just some of the exciting activities we have planned over the coming weeks.

In Geography, we will be identifying the continent of Africa on the world map and comparing the weather and climate to Europe. We will then be exploring the landscape of Kenya and looking at the physical and human features.

In Science, we will be researching African animals and their habitats; identifying predators and their prey and completing simple food chains.

In Art and DT, the children will be designing and constructing their own African animal using specific joining techniques and creating a cushion cover using fabric printing methods.



Reading and Homework

It is so important that your child reads regularly at home. We ask that they read at least four times a week with an adult and that their reading record is signed. Once your child has read 50 times, they receive a certificate in assembly which is always a very proud moment! As part of your child's homework each week, please can they complete a reading activity from the reading menu (Google Classroom) and upload the photo by the following Thursday.

Continuing the same pattern as last half term, each Friday your child will receive a list of spellings and they will be tested on them the following Thursday. If you have any concerns or questions about their spellings, please do contact us.

Thank you so much for all of your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Take care,

The Year Two Team

