

Autumn Term – 2nd half

<p>English</p>	<p>This half term we will be reading ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’. This book will support our English topics: stories with a historical setting, and film and playscripts. The children will be writing a new chapter for the book and their own playscripts based on the novel and film.</p> <p>The children will also study classic narrative poetry, where they will read classic Christmas poems before writing and performing their own in the same style.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be revising and practising the 6,7,8 and 9 times tables.</p> <p>In our maths lessons we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ identifying factors and multiples, and using these to support mental multiplication and division.➤ written methods of short division, including problem solving.➤ written methods of multiplication, long multiplication and problem solving.➤ finding the area of squares and rectangles using multiplication.➤ comparing and ordering fractions, whose denominators are multiples of the same number.➤ reading and interpreting information in timetables to solve problems. <p>Mrs McLean will also teach maths on a Wednesday afternoon she will be focusing on statistics, teaching the children to calculate and interpret the mean, mode, median and range.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>We will continue our work on materials with a focus this half term on reversible and irreversible changes.</p> <p>The children will conduct investigations which will enable them to categorise the following into reversible or irreversible changes: freezing,</p>

	<p>melting, dissolving, cooking, burning, evaporating, boiling and condensing.</p>
Computing	<p>The children will be learning about how information is communicated online, networks and our digital footprints.</p> <p>An important aspect of our computing curriculum is e-safety. The following websites have information to assist you in supporting your child to use the internet safely at home:</p> <p>http://www.saferinternet.org.uk http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk http://www.childnet.co.uk</p>
P.E	<p>PE is on a Thursday and Friday each week. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. We may be in the hall for PE for some lessons, therefore please ensure that your child has their pumps. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they do not wear earrings on these days.</p> <p>On a Thursday the children will have a football lesson taught by external coaches. On a Friday the children will do gymnastics with Miss O'Kane.</p>
Design Technology	<p>The children will investigate food which are associated with celebrations, such as Christmas. They will taste and evaluate a range of foods, then design and make their own product to be eaten at Christmas time.</p>
Geography	<p>Mrs McLean will teach geography this half term. Their work will focus on our topic of food. The children will learn about Fairtrade, food miles, where different foods are grown around the world and why they grow there due to different climates and soils.</p>
Music	<p>The class will learn to play the African (Djembe) drums, as well as glockenspiels and shakers to create a musical ensemble.</p> <p>They will be taught on a Wednesday morning by Mr Fitton.</p>
R.E	<p>We will be looking at the Christmas story, comparing and contrasting the stories of Matthew and Luke.</p> <p>Our worship theme this half term is 'compassion'. We will be presenting a class assembly on Tuesday 28th November, parents and relatives are welcome to attend.</p>

PSHCE	We will continue to discuss friendships during these sessions.
Mandarin	The children will be taught Mandarin for one hour each Tuesday by a language specialist.
Homework	<p>Please continue to support your child at home with their reading and record the pages they have read or when a book has been completed by signing and commenting in the record. Any additional materials that they read can also be recorded in their reading record, by themselves or an adult.</p> <p>Spellings will be sent home each Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to practise their spellings regularly, using a method such as 'Look, Cover, Write, Check', and ensure their book is in school on test day. Please note that weekly spellings will also be posted on our 'Year 5' page of the school website, in addition to being sent home in the spelling book.</p> <p><u>Homework will be given out every week on Friday, and must be completed and returned to school for the following Wednesday.</u></p> <p>Mathematics homework each week is set on MyMaths. Children have their own passwords to access this.</p> <p>Please also support your child by encouraging them to learn and practice their multiplication tables each week.</p> <p>Log in details for MyMaths and SPAG.com will be stuck into your child's homework diary. If there are any problems accessing these websites please come and see me or write in the homework diary.</p> <p>Please continue to sign your child's homework diary each week and make a comment as this is a useful way of communicating between home and school about your child's learning.</p>