

Art

During the first few weeks our artwork will be inspired by Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday. **We will be creating some poppies—please send in a small plastic bottle, such as a water bottle for this activity.** We will then learn about significant figures in modern art; Andy Warhol, Paul Klee, Mark Rothko and Roy Lichtenstein.

P.E. kits

We have P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Please leave your child's PE kit in school so it is always available.

Coats and wellies

Children should have a jumper or cardigan and coat in school every day as we go outside whatever the weather! As it gets colder please also make sure children have a hat and gloves, labelled as always!

Labels

Please check to make sure your child's name is in **all** their belongings — we have had a number of jumpers and cardigans left behind with no name in already and it is very difficult to reunite them with their rightful owners without a name in. If your child does accidentally come home in someone else's jumper please return it to school so we can sort it out.

Phonics workshop

We will be inviting parents to stay for a phonics session in the next couple of weeks. Further details will follow as soon as dates have been confirmed.



Class 2 Autumn 2 November 2019 Reception Newsletter



Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Mason, Miss Hodgson and Miss Baldwin.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term and are ready for the busy run up to Christmas!

We have a focus on history this half term, beginning with a brief enquiry about Bonfire Night before finding out about the festival of Diwali. We will be thinking about what it is we remember on Remembrance Sunday and we will learn about a local war hero, William Hackett.

We continue to think about the past with our learning challenge 'What was it like in the past?' We will be finding out about how things in everyday life have changed, such as the toys and games that children play and the way we listen to and enjoy music now, compared with in the past. We will also discover how other technology, such as phones, has developed over time.

Phonics

We will continue to practice the phonemes and graphemes we have already learned. We will learn some new graphemes and then start to learn to read words which contain adjacent consonants such as stop and tent. Please continue practicing recognizing the graphemes in their phonics book.

Key Words

Please continue practicing key words with your child. Let us know when you think they know them and we will check if they are ready for the next set.

Reading

Please make sure you read regularly with your child. It is important to share stories so that children develop a love of reading, even before they bring home their first school reading book. You may want to use the opportunity to point out some of the key words your child has been learning.

English

Our non-fiction focus will be on researching Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday. We will also be reading the traditional tale of The Enormous Turnip. We will use Talk for Writing to help us to remember and retell the story and will base our written activities around it.

Mathematics

We are continuing our training to become Maths Masters! We learn about addition and subtraction, explore 3D shapes and think about size and measuring. A really important aspect of this and one which many children find difficult is using language such as full, half full, empty, shortest, tallest, shorter, taller, heavier, lighter to describe and compare length, height, weight or capacity. Please encourage children to use this vocabulary when appropriate at home, for example, if you are baking.