

Welcome to Term 2, I hope you all had a restful and healthy half term.. This newsletter outlines key information to be aware of this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me after school, or book an appointment through the school office.

Mrs Pressman

### Reading

Please continue to hear your child read daily and record this under the home section in their reading log. You can fuel their enthusiasm by asking them questions about how they think the characters may be feeling or encouraging them to make predictions about what may happen next.

Reception and Year 1 children will bring home banded Phonics books matched to their current phonics knowledge. Children should be able to read the books sent home with relative ease as they should include the sounds that they are secure in as opposed to any they are not sure on. This will help them to practice their blending and reading fluency. In addition to these Phonics books we will send home an additional 'sharing' book for you to read with your child for pleasure.

Children in Year One and Two that are ready will complete a Star Reader test each half term which will provide us with the range of books which best fits their reading level. This reading level or ZPD will be written in their reading records and updated termly. Those who are still practicing their Phase 2-5 Phonics sounds will also bring home a Phonics book matched to their level.

### English

This term children in Reception will continue to consolidate their phonics knowledge and practice writing these sounds, starting to form sentences. We aim to cover a book a week, so also focus on their ability to discuss in a group, make predictions and explore how characters feel. We often explore these books and characters through role play. Book we will cover this term include: 'Remember, remember the fifth of November', 'Owl Babies' and 'Rosie's Walk'.

Year One and Two will continue in their sentence stacking lessons, starting with a narrative based on 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', before moving on to writing a non-chronological report based on nocturnal animals.

## Maths

Reception will be focussing on their recognition of numbers to 5 this term as well as exploring 2D shapes. Please see the Term 2 KIRFs to see how you can best help them consolidate this knowledge at home.

**Year One** will be focussing on addition and subtraction of 1 and 2 digit numbrs before moving onto looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Please see the Term 2 KIRFs to see how you can best help them consolidate this knowledge at home.

**Year Two** will begin by learning how to add and subtract 2 two digit numbers with and without an exchange before moving onto recognising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Please see the Term 2 KIRFs to see how you can best help them consolidate this knowledge at home.

## Science

This term's Science topic is 'Light and Dark' and will give children the opportunity to get to understand light sources, shadows and nocturnal animals.

## Geography

This term our topic is 'Where in the world is our food from?' Children will learn to understand that our food can be produced locally, nationally and globally and look at how some of this food is transported to us.

## Forest School

**Reception** will take part in Forest School with Miss Law on a Friday morning in the school grounds to give children an opportunity to explore the world around them and begin to understand some of the natural processes that take place everyday. Please ensure that children have wellies in school.

## PE

This term in PE Wrens will take part in Gymnastics and Team building activities. Please continue to send children in with PE to change into for a Thursday morning.

## Art and Design

Mrs Russell will lead Art on a Friday afternoon this term. Children will be exploring techniques such as shading, collage, creating portraits and will learn to understand primary and secondary colours.

## RE

Our question this term is 'What does it mean to be part of a faith community?' Children will learn about the ways Christians and Muslims display a sense of community through symbols and traditions such as baptisms/naming ceremonies and marriage.

## Nativity

This term we will spend time rehearsing and learning our school nativity, which we will perform at the Cirencester Baptist Church in on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Once parts have been assigned, we will send home relevant lyrics and scripts to you.

## Homework

Year 1 and 2 spellings will be set on a Tuesday and will be tested the following Tuesday. We practise these throughout school in the we,

Maths homework will be set on Mathletics and children will receive certificates in assembly based on the amount of time they have spent practising. Please encourage them to log on at least twice weekly to consolidate the skills that they have learnt in class **Year Two** will also be set Times Table practice on TT Rockstars.

Extra spelling games will also be set on Spelling shed for your child to continue their spelling practice.