

## Year 2 Autumn Half Term 2 Parent/Carer Leaflet

### Science - Materials

This half term we will continue to look at different materials and their properties. We will look at how some materials can be twisted, bent or squashed and we will look at how some materials suit their jobs better than others. We will carry out an experiment to see which material makes the best raincoat and why.

### English

We are starting this half term by looking at instructions, which includes looking at Bonfire Night poems. We will write our own instructions on how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. Then we will be reading the story 'Polar Express'. We will have an exciting in-school experience day to immerse the children in this story before doing a piece of writing based on this book.

### Religious Education

How can we make good choices?  
We will look at rules and good choices. We will learn about the Ten Commandments and the Five Pillars of Islam. We are also looking forward to the Nativity performance.

## This half term our topic is: **The Gun Powder Plot** What really happened in 1605 and how do we know?

### History

Our History topic this half term is the Gun Powder Plot. We will be looking at Guy Fawkes and deciding if he was truly guilty. In this unit, we will also be looking at King James I and how his actions led to the Gun Powder Plot.

### Mathematics

- Adding and subtracting. This will be taught both by using base ten and learning how to draw it to help us solve problems and also by solving the problems on a number line.
- We will then move onto Geometry and learn about 2D and 3D shapes.

### Talk lessons

A focus for us this year is developing children's talk skills. Every Monday, your child will have a talk lesson in which they will learn to be effective communicators. Some of the things we are working on are:

- Taking turns when talking.
- Listening well and responding to what others say.
- Speaking loudly and clearly enough to be heard.

### Fantastic Friday

Science games and art work.

### How you can help

- Continue to read as much as possible at home with your child (we recommend at least **3 times** a week).
- Encourage them to widen the range of books they read to include non-fiction and poetry as well as fiction stories.
- **Make accurate spelling a focus.** Make up games e.g. how many words can they spell in two minutes?
- Ensure that your child has a good recall of number bonds to 10 and 20 and are beginning to learn the 2,5 and 10 time tables.

### PE

We will be doing ball games covering throwing and catching as well as team building.

### Music

We will be learning about pitch and scale and learning how to play the Boom Whackers!