

Welcome back! Here is a brief outline of our work for this half term in the lead up to Christmas.

<u>English:</u> This half term the children will continue working in their SFA groups. Spellings will continue to be given out every Monday in preparation for a spelling quiz on a Friday and shared stories will continue to be put on eschools. Please continue to encourage your child to read their current SFA book at home as this helps to develop confidence when reading the book in school. We will continue to do reading and writing activities across the curriculum subjects.
<u>Mathematics:</u> This half term we will continue to develop the number skills of comparing and ordering numbers, develop addition and subtraction methods and recognise an increased number of 2D and 3D shapes, grouping them according to certain criteria. We will also be measuring and comparing lengths.
<u>Science:</u> This half term we will be learning about the different seasons. In this unit children will learn that there are four seasons, the names for these seasons and that there are differences between them. They will identify and design weather symbols for the different types of weather they are likely to experience across the seasons. Working scientifically the children will make observations and measurements over time throughout the seasons including day length, temperature, rain/snow fall, wind strength, cloud conditions and the accompanying changes to plants and animals in their local environment.
<u>I.C.T.: Text & Multimedia/Graphics</u> We will be finding out about how a message can be communicated effectively using text and graphics. There will be a focus on entering and editing text, increasing speed and accuracy. The children will use tools within graphics packages to generate images and also capture digital images.
<u>R.E.</u> This half term the children will be learning about the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important to Christians. We will investigate how the story of the nativity is used to guide beliefs and actions and consider what we have to be thankful for at Christmas time. The children will also explore stories that demonstrate Christian beliefs about God, find out about how Christians worship God and also how Christians live their lives in a way that pleases God.
<u>P.E.:</u> Our P.E. sessions will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school, however sessions may be cancelled due to preparations for our nativity.
<u>Topic Activities (History, Design and Technology, Art, Music)</u> The children will be engaging in a range of activities linked to our topics, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.• Investigating art work by Giuseppe Arcimboldo.• Fruit and vegetable based printing and drawing.

Homework will continue to be set on eschools every week, including a Maths activity and a choice of optional topic homework activities to be completed each week.

Please check our website, school newsletter and eschools page for up to date information and dates.

Thank you.