

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

<p><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 sent home. 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.</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><u>I.C.T.: Text &amp; 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.</p>
<p><u>R.E.</u> This half term the children will be learning about Christmas gifts and gift bringers. The children will be talking about Jesus and how his birth was a gift from God. They will gain an understanding of the story of Christmas and sequence the key events. The children will discuss the true meaning of giving and receiving gifts.</p>
<p><u>P.E.:</u> Our P.E. session will take place on a Tuesday with Gym Jo. Please continue to send your child in jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers on this day.</p>
<p><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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.</li><li>• Designing a rain gauge.</li><li>• Investigating art work by William Morris.</li><li>• Leaf based printing and drawing.</li></ul>

Homework will continue to be set on eschools every week, including a Maths activity and a choice of topic homework activities to be completed each week. If you have any problems accessing the activities, please let us know. We will continue to put on activities that do not require you to print anything.

We would usually provide you with dates for certain events on our overview, however due to times being uncertain, please just check our website and school newsletter for up to date information. This half term may be different to what we would usually plan, however we will try our best to make it as enjoyable as possible for the children. We will send home a short report to parents on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.