



Year 2, Autumn 2 Newsletter



We have another exciting half term ahead of us! This half term we are covering two Big Idea topics, the first is a short Big Idea all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. As part of this Big Idea, we will be writing our own rhyming firework poetry, creating our own firework artwork, as well as learning the historical significance of Guy Fawkes. We will also be completing a drama workshop (run by Julian from the Theatre Royal), focusing on whether Guy Fawkes was 'good' or 'bad' for his actions and the motives behind them.

Our second Big Idea is 'Continents, Countries and Capitals'. The end goal of this topic is to write a non-chronological report about these three geographical features. We will be learning about the seven continents, a variety of countries around the world and making comparisons between the cultures and religions around the world. To inspire this topic and to build on the children's own experience of travelling to different places around the world, we have asked that the children bring in a photograph of themselves, exploring the world around them, as this will be used to create an exciting classroom display. To support this learning, it would be fantastic if your child could read stories about different cultures and countries.

Home learning

Reading

The children should have a levelled book for them to read at home or to a teacher at school. This book will be of an appropriate level of challenge and help the child to develop fluency and comprehension. Please write in your child's reading record every time you read with them as this serves as evidence of progression. Reading records are checked every **Wednesday**, to monitor children's reading however please ensure that reading records are brought into school daily to allow us to record any reading we do in school.

Homework

Our weekly homework is set on a **Friday** and then collected in on a **Wednesday**. It is important that your child completes these home tasks as they are set to consolidate and support what we have been learning in school. They will often involve practising a spelling rule or our weekly maths focus.

Maths

In Year 2, we learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Continual practise of these will be highly beneficial to your child's instant recall. This can be done in any way that your child finds helpful.



As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us at the end of the school day.

Kind regards,

Mr Bentley, Miss Smith and Mrs Schofield

Useful dates:

8.11.2018- Guy Fawkes drama workshop

12.11.2018 and 13.11.2018 - Parents evening

15.11.2018 - Indian music workshop

20.11.2018 - 'Piper's Passport' book workshop

