

Year Two Autumn Two!

The Proud Pandas



Welcome back…

We hope you have had a restful half term break. The Pandas are looking forward to another busy half term as we will soon be on the countdown to Christmas! Information regarding our Nativity, including lines and costume requirements, will be sent out soon. Please continue to check your child's bookbag for information. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during our first half term. It was a pleasure to speak to you during the parent meetings. If there is anything you would like to further discuss then please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am always happy to help.

Thank you again for all your continued support, it is always appreciated!

Miss McDermott

Dates for your diary

- **30th November** – Decorating the school Christmas tree.
- **3rd December** – Art Gallery (start time 5:30pm).
- **4th December** – Christmas Hygge event (more details to come).
- **11th December** – Christmas dinner and jumper day.
- **11th December** – Den building day
- **15th December** – Year 2 Nativity (in church at 10am).
- **16th December** – Year 2 Christmas party.
- **18th December** – Spanish Nativity (in church at 9:15am).

School closes for half term break on Friday 18th December at 2pm.

Winter weather

During the cooler weather please make sure your child has an outside PE kit. Pupils are to wear a smart PE kit consisting of: a white t-shirt, a plain black or blue jogging bottoms and top and a pair of trainers. Please ensure every item of your child's PE kit, including their pumps, have their first and second name clearly written in. Also, as the weather has turned colder and the children have begun to come to school in hats, scarves and gloves, please can these be named as well. This will help for us to find any missing items.

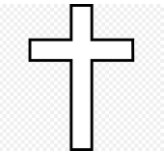
Thank you.

Our Christian value this half term is…

Forgiveness

We have been exploring what it means to forgive and the importance of forgiveness. Together we have started looking at how everybody makes mistakes and how we can show compassion to our peers by showing them forgiveness.

We have also discussed what forgiveness looks like and how that is shown in different contexts.





What we are learning in Autumn Two!



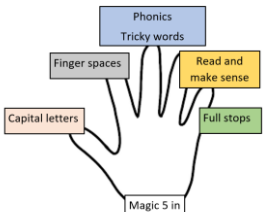


In literacy, we are continuing our current story, 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies, choosing our own word choices and sentence ideas to change the story. This beautiful book also touches on some of our key values of friendship and care for others and the environment. Following this we will move onto 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson which is always a firm favourite!

Spelling -We are continuing with our 'tricky word' spellings as appropriate to each story. Please continue to learn these spellings from the lists sent home in parent's meetings last half term.

Guided Reading – every child has a reading lesson at least three times a week, matched to their reading level. Please enjoy listening to your child read these books when they bring them home on a Friday.

When we write we always use our Magic 5



Over the next few weeks **in maths,** we will be focusing on **adding and subtracting** a multiple of ten to a two-digit numbers (e.g. 56-20 and 38 +30). If you would like to find out more about how we teach addition and subtraction, take a look at the video about it on hour website: https://allsaintsinfantsnormanton.co.uk/curriculum/mathematics/

This half term we are also covering:

Shape – Children will look at 2D and 3D shapes and the properties of these shapes.

Multiplication and division – children will be introduced to the concept of multiplication and division which will continue into the Spring half term.

Maths at home: some of the best ways you can help to practice maths at home without it feeling a chore are through activities such as baking, playing board games with dice and paying for things with coins in shops.

As Scientists we will be tackling the topic of materials. In an exploratory way we will be testing materials against their properties, linked to a challenge to design a playground shelter. We will be testing materials for strength and looking at the vocabulary of transparent, translucent, opaque, rigid, flexible, waterproof and absorbent when deciding which materials would be suitable.

Then, in **Design and technology** children will learn about designing and making a moving vehicle. They will produce a functional vehicle which can move across different surfaces.

In RE we will be answering the big question 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' Alongside our core learning about Christianity, Islam is one of two other faiths (along with Judaism in Year One) that we learn about in Key Stage One. Key vocabulary – Muslim, Islam, Qu'ran, Allah, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

In **Geography** we are will be looking at the UK and the capital cities within it. We will be comparing the similarities and differences between the capital cities. Alongside this, we are using maps and arial images to support our understanding and learning. We revisit previous learning about our local area and use that knowledge when looking at capital cities. Different vocabulary is used to help us develop our understanding.

In PE, our skills focus is throwing and catching. We will be practicing under and overarm throws, learning which is best for the distance of the target.

In RHE we will be learning about how to manage 'big feelings', how to develop a positive body image and how to keep our bodies and others safe by talking about consent.