



# Red Class



## Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2023

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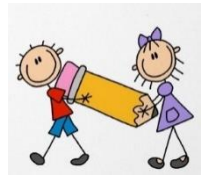
### **Mathematics**

In our second Autumn term we will be looking in more detail at place value using numbers to 10 and 20, addition and subtraction, positional language, patterns and subitising.

We will be working hard to improve our number writing skill, please can you practise this at home. Can you write your numbers to 10 using the correct number formation?



### **English**



Our narrative for this half term will be 'I'm Going to Eat This Ant' by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros. We shall be learning about story structure, story predictions, main events and story endings.

In our reading activities, phonics and guided reading we will be using our decoding skills to read short words such as; hot, map, kid, pan, did.

Remember to read your reading book each night to help your reading to improve and secure your phonics skills.

### **Daily home reading books**

Very soon your child will bring home a school reading book and reading diary. Please listen to your child read their book each night (at least 4 pages per night if they struggle).

This is a very important skill and will help them to make progress throughout the year.

Each time they read to you, please write a comment in their reading diary along with the date and your signature, thank you. Reading books and diaries **MUST** be brought into school every day in their blue book bag (school bag). The expectation is that children in Reception will have a minimum of three signatures in their diary each week.



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### Phonics



We are following the whole school phonics programme – Read Write Inc, every day we work on a different letter sound (phoneme) and written letter (grapheme). Each letter sound has a picture and a rhyme with it to help us to recall the sound the letter makes and how to carefully form the letter when writing independently.

In addition to daily sounds, we shall learn a new 'Red Word' each week. These are sight words that have to be learnt by memory.

Information on our daily phonics will follow, shortly.

### Topic



Our topic work this half term covers the theme 'Where in the world'. This topic allows us to look at celebrations, world religions, cultures, and life in other countries compared to our own.



### RE and PSHE



In our topic, 'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?' we are going to learn about each part of the Christmas story and the key events that led up to Jesus' birth. We shall be taking parts in lots of activities including; drama, art, craft, singing, writing and cooking.



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### Music

Music will be taught every Wednesday by Mrs Whitely focusing on songs, rhymes and rhythm. This half term we will be learning to play percussion instruments.



### PE

This term we are focusing on yoga, we are very excited to get stuck into our topic and to begin learning lots of new balances, stretches, poses and weight bearing exercises using our own body. We shall also be learning to regulate our feelings, emotions and how to calm ourselves in different situations.

### Spanish

In our Spanish lessons with Mr Day we will continue to look at some different Spanish nursery rhymes.

### Useful Information

Our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday** - Please come to school in your PE kit.

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday, each week a piece of homework will be set that may involve being creative, going out and about or finding out about something new. More information on this will follow soon.

We ask that you read at least 3 times a week so remember, keep reading! However, reading a few pages each night will really help your child to progress in their reading skills.

It is going to be a very busy term and we can't wait to get started on all of the new and exciting activities. If you would like any advice on how to support your child in their learning journey, please contact Mrs Hill.