



Year 2 Autumn 2

Newsletter 2020 - 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a lovely, well deserved break and that your children are all rested and ready for another busy half term. This newsletter will let you know some of the exciting things we will be doing over the next few weeks until Christmas.

In **Literacy**, we will be looking at the book Leaf -



Through this wonderful book, the children will be -

- Performing role play
- Debating in a conscience alley
- Writing in character
- Retelling the story from a different point of view
- Researching and writing a Non-Chronological Text about Polar Bears

In our **grammar** work, we will continue to look at writing sentences correctly, using adjectives and conjunctions. We will be doing lots of whole class **guided reading** focussing on the key skills of retrieval and fluent, accurate reading aloud. In **Phonics**, we will be revisiting the work missed during lock down including split digraphs and word suffixes.



In **Maths**, we are working well on the Year 2 objectives. We will do a few more weeks on place value and then we will be moving onto Addition and Subtraction.

Our **Geography** topic this half term is:

Why don't Polar Bears live in Ipswich?

After learning all about the continents and oceans and how to use maps, our focus will move onto the Arctic and learning about the specific features of the area. We will then contrast the Arctic with Ipswich and try and decide why Polar Bears aren't walking the streets of Ipswich!



In **RE** our focus is on Signs and Symbols and the story of Advent .



In **Science** we will be learning all about Living Things. The children will be able to distinguish between things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive. We will also be looking at the different habitats and food chains.

In **Art** we will be using watercolours to create an Arctic scene and using clay to create Inukshuks.



In **Computing** we will be learning about Information Technology all around us.

As you can see we are going to be very busy!

Just a few things to note

- PE will continue to be on Thursday and Friday. Please send your children into school with their PE kit on. Please bear in mind the weather forecast for that day as the children will be outside. If your child has their ears pierced, please remove their earrings before they leave home. Long hair must be tied back.
- Please ensure your child's jumper is clearly named. Jumpers are stored during the day in a plastic box as they don't fit into their individual trays.
- Spellings and times tables will still be sent home on a Friday. Your child will be tested the following Friday.
- Try and hear your child read every day. We have wonderful new school reading books to share with your children. Daily reading makes such a difference and supports your child with their own writing. It really helps with increasing the range of vocabulary your children can use as well as firing up their own ideas and creativity. I update the books and games on Bug Club once a week. The books are linked to the Phonics group your child is in. These are another wonderful resource for reading. A library



book will still be sent home - we have a box of library books in our classroom for Year 2 to borrow and these will be changed on a Friday.

We had a wonderful first half term. The children adapted to the new routines well and have made a super start to a very busy year. As you can see we have another fun packed half term ahead.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to write a note in the reading record or send an email to the school admin address marked for my attention: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

Kind regards, Mrs Veitch