

# Autumn 2 Newsletter



## Year 2



### We hope you had a relaxing break!

#### Our learning this half term;

Our new topic this half term is art and we will be looking at the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. He specialises in land art whereby the artist uses natural materials. As part of this we will be making our own sculptures and will be using our school trips to Woodlands Farm and Lesnes Abbey as a stimulus. We will be learning how to plan, design and make a sculpture using natural materials such as leaves and twigs focusing on texture, pattern and colour.



In science we will be learning about food chains. We will be creating food chains for different animals. We will even be creating a PowerPoint presentation about what we have learnt.

In English we will be writing explanation texts about what we have learnt in science. These will include the use of causal conjunctions and factual language. We will also be creating our own shape poems using the natural seasonal changes as a stimulus.

### Half Term Project

Thank you and well done to everybody who completed their project homework last half term. We were very impressed with all your hard work. This half term we would like you to make an information booklet about a sculpture of your choice. This will be due in on the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### How you can help

As the children are learning all about sculpture and art it would be great if your children could do any reading about these subjects. Children should be reading for at least ten minutes a day and this should be a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Please record any reading the children do at home in their Reading Record book. As well as this, pupils should be learning their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

### Weather

This half term we expect some very cold weather. Please ensure your children have a coat and sensible shoes. It is also a good idea to send children with a hat, gloves and scarf. Remember to put your child's name on all items!

### Attendance and Punctuality

Both classes have received certificates for punctuality or attendance. Please continue to ensure your child is at school whenever possible and always on time.

### Homework

As you are aware, children now have homework books which they take home every week. Both English and maths homework is given out, in these books, on a Friday. This must be completed and returned to school the following Thursday, not before as they will need these books to practise their spellings.

### Dates for your diary

**Trip to Woodland Farm** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Trip to Lesnes Abbey** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

**Parents' Evenings** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Christmas Fair** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**KS1 Christmas Performances** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Christmas lunch and jumper day** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Class Parties** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Last day of school – Early Finish 2pm** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018