



Year 2

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday. We are delighted to enclose information on what your child will be learning over the next half term.

Key dates:

- Tuesday 12th September – Meet the teacher
- Archway Library visit – TBC

Many thanks,

Saffa & Ruth

English

This term we will be looking at different stories, including: **The Princess and the Pea, The Frog Prince** and **The King Who Banned the Dark**. We will be encouraging the children to focus on their handwriting and ensuring they are consistently using capital letters and full stops accurately. We will also introduce them to conjunctions and begin to extend their vocabulary.

Phonics

The children will be placed into a phonics group which will help them progress with their reading skills. We aim for the children to become confident readers. Please encourage book talk at home with your child as this will help them to become fluent readers. We hope the children begin to develop a love for reading.

Maths

This half term we will focus on developing our understanding of number, including place value. It is important that children can count to 100 and identify the tens and ones within a number. The children will continue to practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin counting in 3s. Building on this, children will compare numbers using different representations. Towards the end of the half term they will begin to explore addition and subtraction, including numbers bonds to 10 and 20.

Science

This half term we will be learning about **Animals Including Humans: Growing Up Healthy**. The children will begin by looking at baby pictures and thinking about the way they have changed since they were born. Children will learn to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

History

Our topic this half term is **Kings and Queens**. Children will learn that a monarch is a king or a queen and the right to be a monarch is inherited. They will create a timeline of significant British monarch and learn to order years since 1066. There will also be an opportunity to look at their own family heritage and create a family tree to display their relationships.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Children must bring in their P.E. kits each week to get changed. In P.E. lessons, children will show awareness of opponents and team-mates when playing games; perform basic skills of rolling, striking and kicking with more confidence; apply these skills in a variety of simple games; make choices about appropriate targets, space and equipment; use a variety of simple tactics.

PSHCE

We will begin the year by reflecting on what is happening worldwide and consider the impact on our lives. Children will then go on to learn about the importance of special people in our lives, about making friends and who can help with friendships, and about solving problems that might arise with friendships. This half term we will also be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.

Music

Children will have weekly music lessons where they will be learning to use the recorder.

Homework

Homework will be sent home once a week on Friday's. This will include spellings to learn and a Doodle Maths activity. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and returning their reading diaries daily. Children will also be sent home 'Talk homework', this will consist of questions that you can ask to encourage children to talk about their current learning. Children are encouraged to complete tasks from their homework grid.