Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope has been an enjoyable and restful half term! We have a busy few weeks coming up…

English

This half term, we will be focusing on The Gunpowder Plot, Remembrance and 'The Jolly Postman'. We will be turning our role play area into a Post Office to enhance this.
We will also continue working hard on our handwriting this half term, really focusing on forming our letters and numbers correctly whilst ensuring correct pencil grip and posture. If you could encourage this at home, we would be very grateful. We have attached an example of letter formation at the bottom of this newsletter.
For the first few weeks of this term, our library slot has temporarily changed to Wednesday afternoon, so please encourage your child to remember their book.
Our reading groups will continue to read 3 times a week in school and we encourage you to do the same at home, writing in your child's green book as you do so. Please do get in touch if this is something that you are struggling with.

Maths

We will be continuing with our White Rose scheme of work, carrying on our work on Addition and Subtraction before moving on to Shape. White Rose offers a free app called 1 Minute Maths which is a really quick and easy way of supporting your child at home. (https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths)
Alongside White Rose, we will continue to use a program called Mastering Number four times a week in order to develop our maths fluency skills.
We will also be working to correct the number reversal we are currently seeing in a lot of children's books, which you can support at home by modelling numbers where you see them being formed incorrectly. There is an example of this attached at the bottom of this newsletter.

Topic

This half term our focuses are:
Science- This half term we will continue with our work on materials, as well as looking at the five different senses and seasons.
RE- We will be looking at festivals and celebrations for different religions. In the fourth week of the half term we will be making model sukkahs, *and would appreciate any donations of shoe boxes (or similar).* We will also be looking at Christmas across the curriculum during December.
PSHE- This half term we will be looking at why people are special to us, as well as understanding which body parts are private and their scientific names. We will also be making Christmas cards to send to the residents at Hampden Hall Care Home.
Creative Arts- The children will be using collage techniques, completing observational drawings and creating moving Christmas cards using levers. They will also use clay.
Computing- We will begin learning how to program using a computer program called Scratch Junior. This can also be downloaded as a free app at home: https://www.scratchjr.org/
Music- This half term's music curriculum will be covered through our nativity: 'Knock, Knock Nativity!'
PE- we will be practising yoga and ball games this half term. These lessons will take place in the hall, which can get quite cold so please ensure that your child has a PE jumper and leggings or jogging bottoms in their PE kit. Please ensure your child also has a pair of named PE socks, particularly if they wear tights to school.

Lost Property

We have managed to acquire quite a lot of unnamed lost property over our first half term together! Please can we ask that you make sure that everything you send into school is clearly named, so that we can return stray items to the correct child. If you are missing any items, there is a box outside the Year 2 classroom containing lost property.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

Ss 	Aa 	Tt 	Pp 	Ii 	Nn 	Mm 
Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.	Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot (on the leaf) at the top.	Down the stick, up and over the net.	Down, up and over the mouse's ears, then add a flick on the nose.
Dd 	Gg 	Oo 	Cc 	Kk 	Ee 	Uu 
Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet.	Round the goat's face, up to his ear; down and curl under his chin.	All around the octopus	Curl around the cat.	Down the kite, up and round, down to the corner.	Around the elephant's eye and down its trunk.	Down and around the umbrella, stop at the top and down to the bottom and flick.
Rr 	Hh 	Bb 	Ff 	Ll 	Jj 	Vv 
From the cloud to the ground, up the arch and over the rainbow.	Down, up and over the helicopter.	Down bear's back, up and round his big tummy.	Down the flamingo's neck, all the way to its foot, then across its wings.	All the way down the lollipop.	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.	Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.
Ww 	Xx 	Yy	Zz 	Qq 		
From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.	Down and round the yo-yo, then follow the string round.	Zip across, zag down and across the zebra.	Round the queen's face, up to her crown, down her robe with a flick at the end. Quick, it's the queen!		

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'There's No Place Like Home'

English

The Gunpowder Plot

Remembrance

The Jolly Postman

Maths

Addition and Subtraction

Shape

History

The Gunpowder Plot

Remembrance

Creative Arts

Collage

Clay

Levers - Moving Mechanisms

Computing

Programming: Scratch Junior

P.E.

Yoga

Ball Games

R.E.

Special Occasions and Celebrations

Christmas

Music

Nativity: Knock, Knock Nativity!

Science

Senses

Seasons

Materials

PSHE

Who is special to us?

Body Parts