



# Autumn 2 Newsletter

# Year 2

## English

This half term, our focus books will be Goldilocks and George's Marvellous Medicine. In our writing we will explore Recipes, Instructions and Adverts, as well as re-visiting Narrative and Poetry. Basic skills such as punctuation and handwriting will continue to be practised. We will also be focusing on our sentence structure and how we can use conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to extend and add detail to our writing.

## Maths

In Maths we will continue with our work on number and place value, which includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be exploring the properties of shape and we will begin to recognise, find and name fractions of a quantity. During our Children in Need project our Maths focus will be money and measures!

## Science

Our unit of work for the whole of the Autumn term is 'Changing Materials'. During this unit of work, we will learn to describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will compare materials and learn how to group them. We will also investigate the suitability of a variety of materials for particular uses and find out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

## P.E.

We will be taking part in games this term. Our focus will be learning skills such as throwing and catching.

## Muck, Mess and Mixtures

## PSHE

This half term will be focusing on 'Leadership' and encouraging children to recognise the importance of being a good role model.

## Art

We will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. We will develop techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

## Topic

Our Topic this half term is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. This topic has a strong focus on both Science and Art, as well as linking closely with our Reading, Writing and Maths. This topic will allow us to explore a range of non-fiction texts, write for different purposes and use a variety of different measures in Maths. We will be getting our hands dirty and diving in to work scientifically with different materials and using spoken language to develop our understanding through hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

## R.E.

We will be learning to reflect on the Christmas story and the reasons for Jesus' birth.

## Computing

We will be learning about the use of spreadsheets and data handling. We will look at how questioning in computing is important when using certain data handling resources.

## Music

This half term we will explore pitch and duration. We will start to look at appropriate musical notations and will use our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and performing with others.