

**Week beginning: 30.10.23**



Dear Parents/Carers,

**English** - In English this week we will be focussing on poetry. We will be exploring examples of autumn themed poems and sharing and responding to them. We will be learning about the different poetry devices and techniques authors use such as onomatopoeia (formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named e.g. sizzle, crunch) and alliteration (repetition of the initial sound e.g. crispy, colourful leaves). The children will be learning and rehearsing a poem in a small group and performing it to the class. Later in the week we will be investigating a range of autumn artefacts and creating noun phrases and expanded noun phrases to describe them. We will then be using these to help create our own autumn themed poems.

**Maths** - In maths the children will begin adding 3 1-digit numbers. We will then move on to adding to make 10 and adding to the next 10 e.g.  $18 + 2 = 20$ .

**Science** - The children will continue their learning on materials. They will be learning to identify different materials that are used for the same product.

**Computing** - In computing we will be reviewing and consolidating our researching skills online by carrying out fact finding about The Titanic.

**History** - We are looking forward to our Titanic workshop on Tuesday to kick-start our learning.

**PSHE** - We are learning to understand some ways in which boys and girls are similar and feel good about this. If you would like access to the teaching materials used in our PSHE topic this half term, please contact your child's class teacher directly.

**Spellings** - This week we will be learning about the following focus spellings - 'u' spelt 'o' and 'o' spelt 'a' e.g. month, monkey, wasp, wash.

**Reading** - Please read with your child every night for 10 minutes and ask them questions about the book. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**Forest School** - Please note: Year 2 will be starting Forest School after October half term. This will be on a Thursday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in suitable clothes for Forest School e.g. dark coloured tracksuit bottoms, a long-sleeved top/t-shirt with their school cardigan or jumper, waterproof and wellies - weather dependent.

**\*Multi-Sports will now be on a Friday morning for Year 2\* - please note change.**

**Friendly Request:** To support us with our English learning on Autumn poems, we would be grateful if you are able to send in any autumn artefacts for us to use and display e.g. small pumpkins/squashes, leaves, conkers and conker shells, etc.

**Key Dates:**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Inset Day (no children at school)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Children return to school

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Year 2 Titanic Workshop

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Individual school photographs

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - FoML school pumpkin display

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 2 Forest School starts - sessions throughout the day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3pm - FoML Year 2 cake sale in playground

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November FoML Pre-loved uniform email and collect day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Forest School - sessions throughout the day

W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week - more information to follow soon

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for you continued support,

The Year 2 Team ☺