

Year 2 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

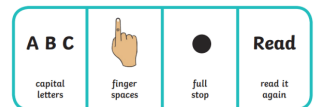


Hello and welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely break. There are lots of really exciting events happening this half term as we lead up to Christmas including our Key Stage 1 Nativity!

If you have any concerns about anything please contact me via email tilly.stead@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I will endeavor to respond promptly. Communication about illness, medical appointments or on the day pick up/ drop off arrangements should be sent to the school office.

English

The sequence of our English lessons stays the same throughout the year. First the children will predict what they think our new topic book is about, followed by completing comprehension activities to understand the story in more detail and then work on their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills in their writing. We will recap the use of expanded noun phrases and begin to work on our Nativity, practicing our lines and working on our acting skills.



Maths

We will begin the half-term by focusing on addition and subtraction. Our next topic is shapes and we will look at 2D and 3D shapes. Please ensure your child can read and write numerals (1-20) and number words (one-twenty) and can instantly recall number bonds to 20.

Topic

We will continue our topic of changes within living memory with a focus on our school and toys. The key questions we will continue to discuss are-

- How has school changed over time?
- Why do children play with toys?
- How have toys changed over time?
- How do your grandparents' toys differ from yours?
- Do you believe it was better to be a child in the past or now?

We will be visiting Ilkley Toy Museum on Tuesday 5th November during school hours and inviting grandparents into school with their toys from the past on Wednesday 13th November at 9am.

Science

This half-term our science topic is materials. We will explore the property of materials, comparing the similarities and differences, plan experiments, test materials and investigate what materials are waterproof.



P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE kit on Monday and Thursday mornings and will be sent home in it. They must all have a warm jumper.



Homework

An Autumn 2 overview of homework will be sent out, similar to last half-term on Friday 15th November. These are optional tasks your child can complete. These do not need to be brought into school, however if your child is particularly proud of a piece of work they have completed, I would love to see it!

Book Exchange

All children will continue to have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability) and reading record. These books will continue to be changed on Fridays. If you have not finished the book your child is reading and would like to keep it an extra week you are more than welcome to.

Please be aware, the reading books will only include graphemes they are familiar with so the children should be reading at least 90% of their book fluently; their reading should come across as if it is easy to them. When your child has read their book to you, you could model how to read with expression and also ask some questions to check comprehension. If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch.

Library Books

In addition to bringing home a school reading book every Friday, children will also choose a book from the Library to bring home. These should also be returned on a Friday along with your school reading book so your child can scan a new one out of the Library. Children pick this book based on their interests, rather than phonic ability.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up with water for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 13th November- Grandparents invited into school to share their toys from the past **9am**

Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November: Parent Evenings

Friday 15th November: Children In Need

Tuesday 26th November: House Christmas Art Day

Thursday 28th November: Parent workshops 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 3rd December: PTA Disco

Sunday 8th December: PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th December: Nativity Performance after school

Friday 13th December: Nativity Performance in the morning

Tuesday 17th December: KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January: School opens for Spring 1