

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all doing well.

Here is the Class update for the last two weeks.

Phonics

We have been learning about the phonemes 'a-e' as in cake and also split 'i-e' and 'o-e'. Year 2 have been learning how to spell words with silent k and how to add 'ing' and 'ed' to words ending in y.

English

We have been reading the stories The Leaf Thief and Funnybones. The children have really enjoyed these stories and they have used them as fantastic inspiration for their own written work. I can see great progress with their writing already!

Maths

We have been learning about part-whole models, addition, number bonds, doubles and fact families in our maths lessons. The children have been enjoying playing hit the button, but not everyone gets a turn on the Smartboard, so please look this up to try on your devices at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Other

We have learnt about the amazing Mary Seacole in our history lessons and we have also compared soldiers in the past to modern soldiers. We have made our fabulous Christmas card designs and we have also created spectacular spooky moon backgrounds in art. In PE we have joined in with games, ball skills and gymnastics. Science has been about the senses with Mrs Watts.

Homework

I have sent home paper copies of the maths and spelling homework for the week. Tests are Monday for Year 1 and Wednesday for Year 2. Here are some online games to support their learning.

Year 1 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/80190/002/524>

Year 2 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/37694/290/341>

Harewood Trip

We will be going on a local area 'eco' field trip to the Harewood Estate on Wednesday morning (23/10/24.) Please send your child with a change of shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather on the day. A waterproof coat is essential. Children who are not in green team should come to school in their school PE kit for the visit. We will eat lunch back at school so lunch arrangements will be as normal. There is lots of walking involved in these visits so please ensure that footwear is comfortable and easy to walk in. Also, make sure your child has had a good breakfast in the morning before we go. The trip is kindly funded for us so there is no charge for the visit. You will have consented to local area visits when your child joined the school but if you would like to withdraw your child from the trip for any reason please let us know ASAP.

We will also be going to Lotherton Hall on Thu 14th Nov. I have enough parent volunteers (thank you to those who have offered to help). The trip will go onto school money at the end of the week and will include a consent toggle. I will send an email on Thursday about this.

Christmas Card Designs

Please follow the instructions on the form to order your Christmas cards then return the artwork to school with the form completed in full.

I am aware that one design has gone home with the wrong child, so if you have a design with another child's name on please can you return it to school. The art work looks amazing and I think the cards will be fabulous this year!

Thank you very much for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs G Dodd