Badger's Parent Topic Leaflet - Autumn 2

Sensational Seasons



Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely relaxing week! I always love this half term where we start getting into the festivities. Our topic this half term is 'Sensational Seasons!'.

Each half term we alternate if we have Mrs Tudor Murphy for Outdoor Explorers or Mrs Hurlstone for PE in the village hall. This half term we have got Mrs Hurlstone for PE. This means that...

This half term, the whole class will continue having **PE on Tuesdays (in the village hall with Mrs Hurlstone) and Thursdays** (with Mrs Greaves). The children should come to school dressed in the correct kit. Please can you ensure that ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Outdoor Explorers will be just for Year 1's and Hedgehogs on a Wednesday with Mrs Lloyd. During this time Year 2's will be completing Year 2 objectives with Mrs Greaves.

Phonics books will continue to be changed on a Monday. Please do continue reading 3 or more times a week for these to be changed. Library books on a Wednesday!

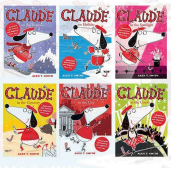
Home learning will continue to be Friday- Friday (they are doing a superb job with these)!

Please can book bags, reading books and reading records be brought to school everyday and that children do not bring any toys or treasures to school as we do not want them to get lost or broken!

A healthy snack is provided for Badgers at playtime but if your child prefers to bring their own snack in, that is ok as long as it is fresh/dried fruit or vegetables.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or catch me at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss. My email is rgreaves@witchamptonfirstschool.org or you can get a message to me via the school office and I will try my best to get back to you ASAP.

Thank you for your support, you are all fantastic - Mrs Greaves

English Reading and Writing 	Fiction: *The Little Red Hen*, Nursery Rhymes and other Traditional Tales. Draw a story map, act out the story, retell the story,look at features and create our own. Poetry: A selection of poems relating to seasons. Compose our own seasonal poem. 
Class reader	Continue reading a selection of Roald Dahl's wonderful books. A collection of books from the 'Claude' series.  'If the World Were' by Joseph Coelho 
Yr1 Phonics	This half term we are starting our Phase 5 phonemes. Each week I will upload the new grapheme and CEW that we are learning. Please continue each day to go through all Ph3, 4 and 5 phonemes and words that are at the start of the reading records.
Yr2 Spellings	This half term we are starting our Phase 5c Mastery. This is our last half term of ULS Phonics before we go onto ULS Spellings. Please continue to support the home learning and comprehension style questioning.
RE	Our focus this term is **Incarnation-** ***Key learning:*** • Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. • The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) • Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.
PSHE	**Heartsmart-**Don't Forget To Let The Love In Discussing about loving ourselves and how others love us. Know that money is earned by working. Talk about what makes us safe. We will talk about how sleep and medicine can help our bodies, and discuss how household products can be harmful, if not used correctly. We will talk about how our families show us love and make us feel secure. We will also be learning from the NSPCC pants rule and songs about how we can keep our bodies private.
Music	This half term we will be exploring our singing voices. We will be focussing on singing with expression and creating rhythm patterns with our voices. This will be linked to practising our singing for the Christmas performance!



Maths	In Maths, we are going to be learning about addition and subtraction. Year 1 will be focussing on numbers to 20 and Year 2's will be focussing on numbers to 100. We will then all move on to shape together.
PE/Games	**Tuesday- Gymnastics with Mrs Hurlstone and Dance with Mrs Greaves** Learning a range of different skills: being aware of balance, awareness of travel, extension of body, challenge their flexibility safely, remember, repeat and link simple actions. We will also be looking at how we travel, stay in time to the music, extend, change direction and create routines for our Christmas performance. We will then continue with these objectives in our 'Toy' topic. **Thursday- Sending and receiving with Mrs Greaves** The children will learn how to keep the ball close to their feet, use different parts of their feet and look for spaces in an area.
Geography	Our Geography and Science are going to be linking to our topic 'Sensational Seasons'. In Geography we are going to be looking at map work within our area and describing features of the school including vegetation and social activity. We will be monitoring simple patterns to do with human activity and creating maps which involve keys and birds eye views.
Science	In Science we are going to be observing seasonal changes. Additionally, we will be more specifically identifying plants and trees. The skills learnt in the Science lessons will support our school trip this half term where the children will be observing and using a 'tally' system and map skills on a walk.
Value focus	

Key vocabulary:

PSHE	
Wellbeing	The state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.
Unique	Being the only one of its kind.
Preference	If you have a strong liking for something.
Science and Geography	
Vegetation	The plant life of a region or the plant community.
Birds eye view	It is the view from above an area- the view a bird would have if it were flying over the area.
RE	

'Live a life of love just as Jesus love' Live a life of love just as Jesus loved us', Ephesians 5 verse 2.

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Incarnation	The Christin belief that God took human form by becoming Jesus.

Christmas Nativity!

Our Christmas performances will be on Wednesday 9th December at 9:30am and Thursday 10th December at 1:45pm. More information will be sent out soon regarding the dress rehearsal and costumes!

