



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2023/2024



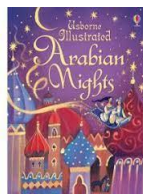
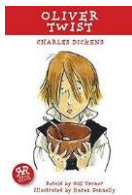
Notices and Reminders

Please ensure:

- Five reads are completed at home as a priority for home learning;
- Water bottles only contain water;
- Jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled;
- Earrings are covered with plasters for PE (we are not allowed to do this for the children);
- Long hair is tied back.

Reading

This term we will be reading 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and retold by Gill Tavner. We will continue to focus on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary. Then, we will be reading the Usborne illustrated version of Arabian Nights.



Key dates

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 18th December to Monday 1st January

Back to school - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024

INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024

Further dates will be added in due course.

Writing

This half term in English, we will be reading and innovating the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' focusing on adverbs. We will also be learning how to write a letter and the features we need to use.

ADVERB

An adverb describes a verb, adjective or another adverb.



Maths

This term will continue to add and subtract using 2-digit numbers and solve problems using concrete objects, pictorial images, and mental strategies. We will work on fluency of facts to 20 and use the related facts up to 100. We will then identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes (number of sides and symmetry), and 3-D shapes (edges, faces and vertices). We will also compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects.



Science

This half term we will learn why exercise and hygiene is important for our bodies. We will then be learning how we can conserve energy at home and school. This will focus on our research skills. We will also be looking at renewable and non-renewable resources and how we can conserve materials.



History

Our journey through the Victorian Era this term sees us compare the life of children during this extraordinary period of history. We will investigate what life was like for children both rich and poor.

Were children allowed to attend school? What did they do for entertainment?



Art

In Art this half term we are focussing on the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. We will learn about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and apply this knowledge to create a colour wheel. We will be focussing on developing blending techniques and texture and finally applying all of this knowledge to create our own painting in the style of Kandinsky.



PE

This half term our focus in PE moves onto dance. We will be experimenting with moving at different speeds and different levels using our body in a range of challenging ways.

We will then begin to put together a complete routine based on the children learning to move like toys.



RE

In RE this term, we will be looking at why light is an important religious symbol. We will learn why light sources are important to us and what light is a symbol of. We will look at instances when light is used in Christianity, including the Star of Bethlehem in the Nativity story and in the Creation story when God said, 'Let there be light'.



PSHE

This term we will ask the question: what makes a good friend? Children will explore characteristics of positive friendships. We will learn that friendship is built on trust, and that squabbling with friends, is okay. We will explore good ways of making friends and finally, how to befriend someone who maybe feeling lonely or shy.



Homework

Please see details on Seesaw and in home learning books. The home learning activities link closely to the topics and the texts that we are using in class. Please complete one or more, as time allows for your individual circumstance. Please send your work in either via Seesaw or in your home learning book, depending on the task/s that you complete. We are looking forward to seeing your wonderful learning! Weekly maths or English will also be sent home. **Most importantly, remember your five reads!**

Suggested books for reading

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-2/>