



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Welcome back after your half term holiday. You may have heard your children talking about Mr Goodacre who has been teaching in class recently, I hope you will join us in welcoming him to our school. Mr Goodacre has been enjoying getting to know the children and helping them on their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Goodacre, Mrs O'Boyle, Miss Ogden, Miss Bainbridge, Mr Connor.

### English

This half term our focus will be pirates. We will be looking specifically the book *The Pirates Next Door* by Jonny Duddle. What would it be like to have a pirate living next door?

### Maths

Our focus will be place value and number. We will be working with numbers up to 1, 000,000 and focusing upon place value and what digits represent. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction, consolidating the calculation strategies taught in previous year groups.

### RE

We will be looking at why we celebrate Christmas, the journey to Bethlehem. Why did Mary and Joseph make the journey to Bethlehem? In what ways would their journey be different from a journey you might make? Many other people made the journey. Who might they have been?

### Science

Our focus will continue to be properties and changes of materials. There will be lots of investigations in this topic looking at categorising materials and looking at reversible and irreversible changes. Following this, we will move on to *Animals Including Humans*.

### Homework

Online learning tasks will be set weekly via Purple Mash, Spellings, TT Rockstars. These sites offer a variety of fun games for your children to explore. I will be sending home paper copies of spellings and TTRockstars each week.

### Reading Books

All children have access to our beautiful library and the class bookshelves too. Children should be taught to develop a love for reading and we do everything we can to help foster that love in school. Each child was given a reading record at the start of the year and they have been asked to fill this in as they read their books.

### History

We will continue to look at the Great Fire of London. The children have already visited Bury Fire Station to enhance their knowledge and understanding. I am sure they have told you about their wonderful trip.

### Core Christian Value



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13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Week  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Non uniform for donations to the Christmas Fair.  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day  
14<sup>th</sup> December 3.45pm – Christmas Fair  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Story performance  
20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Service at Church; break up for Christmas holidays.







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Dear Parents/Carers,

## WOOHOO... MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



### WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.

Monday  
**13<sup>TH</sup>**  
November

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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