



Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer.

My name is Mrs Johnson, and I am so excited to introduce myself as your child's Year 2 teacher! We are also very lucky to have Mrs Brown working as our teaching assistant in our class.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term!

English Our Novel is: The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark



In English this term, we will be consolidating and extending our reading and writing skills with lots of word and sentence work. We will have daily handwriting, spelling and story time sessions and we will be continuing to follow the Read, Write Inc. programme for daily phonics.

Maths Timestables focus: x2 & x10



In maths this term, we will be focusing on place value, number and adding and subtracting two, 2-digit numbers using a range of mental methods. We will be counting, reading and writing numbers to a 100 and recognising how many tens and ones are in a number. We will also compare and order numbers and begin to count in steps of 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.

Wider Curriculum

The children will begin the term by looking at their local town, Brilliant Bolton and they will gain a deeper understanding of the geographical location of Bolton and identify some of its human and physical features.

History- This term, the children will develop their historical skills and understanding when answering the unit's enquiry question 'How was school different in the past?' They will develop an understanding of how schools have changed over time and begin to compare school life now to school life in the past.

Geography- Children will begin to identify hot and cold places around the world using a range of maps and atlases. They will be able to compare hot and cold places to the UK and begin to make preferences about which places they would prefer to live.

Art- The children will be looking at craft and design. They will understand what abstract art is and begin to experiment with maps and a range of materials to create their own pieces of abstract art.

Science- Our science focus this term is all about 'Habitats and Microhabitats'. Within this unit, children will look at a range of habitats and understand the scientific differences between things that are living, things that are non-living and things that have never been alive.

DT - Our DT unit of work this term, is all about structures. The children will have the chance to explore a range of structures and plan, create and evaluate their own structures.

Computing- We will be practising logging on and off computers and understanding what a computer is. We will also continue to think about the importance of staying safe online.

RE- Our first RE branch is 'Creation and Covenant' and the children will begin to understand that there are many literary forms and reflect on the gift of creation. Our virtues to live by this term are; respect/courtesy, thankfulness, hope and patience.

Music- Children will be responding to a range of music and will begin to use instruments to create pieces of music that tell a story.

PE- Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On a Thursday the children will develop a range of fundamental ball skills and on a Tuesday the children's PE lesson will be delivered by Reese Sports and they will participate in a range of different sporting activities.

How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child at home by:

- Practising counting in different steps together (2's, 5's, 10's and 3's) and learning number facts/times tables.
- Listening to your child read at home and discussing the story together. Children should read at home every night and we expect their diary to be signed **5 times each week**.
- Learning to read and spell common exception words.
- Practising Spellings and completing homework together.

Notices

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half-term. Children should come to school on their PE days in their full school PE kit.

Snack

Snack is £1 per week, payable on a Monday or this can be paid in a block via the school office.

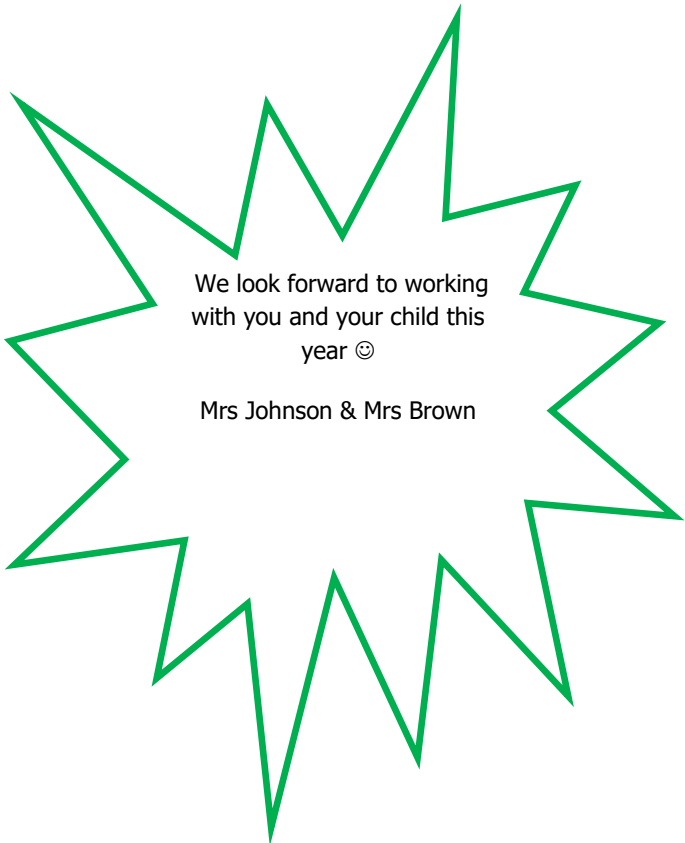
We will continue to offer free fruit during afternoon break. Children are welcome to help themselves to this.

Please ensure your child also has a water bottle in school.

Homework

Children will be given spellings to learn on a Thursday, and they will be tested on these weekly on the following Thursday. All weekly scores will be recorded in your child's diary.

They will be given a piece of Maths homework to complete every Thursday and this must be returned to school by the following Wednesday.



We look forward to working
with you and your child this
year ☺

Mrs Johnson & Mrs Brown