



**Mount Pleasant Primary School**

**Year 2 Half-Termly Newsletter**

**Jan - Feb**

**2018**

### Our News

What a fantastic and busy term we have had! A special well done to all the Year 2 children for their brilliant behaviour and excellent questioning skills during our visit to Blakesley Hall. The children were able to handle artefacts, learn about life in 1666, tried on period clothing and took part in a drama depicting the Great Fire of London as seen through the eyes of Samuel Pepys. We have been doing lots of fabulous learning surrounding this topic which has completely inspired the children. We were proud of all of the children and their amazing manners and attitude during the visit, so all of the children received star of the week! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all who donated items to the Christmas Fayre. The children enjoyed designing and making their Christmas baubles for their enterprise work. The money that we raised goes towards the educational visits that we go on throughout the year. We hoped that you enjoyed Year 2's Christmas production 'It's Chriiiiiistmas'. We were extremely proud of how all of Year 2 performed...we think that it was the best one yet! Thank you for all of your help with costumes and learning lines.

During this half term the children will be concluding our Hans Christian Andersen topic. Our main texts will be: 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'The Little Match Girl'. We will continue to read other tales by a variety of authors as well in story times. Our Year 2 curriculum is on our website for you to be able to see what we will be learning out some of the highlights will be: working as historians we will be continuing to learn about chronology, find out more famous pirates of old and dig deeper into the history of the Great Fire of London; as artists and designers, we will be working on developing our sketching skills and investigating different materials to create fabulous artwork; as geographers, we will be map-making; as musicians we will be composing music based on 'The Little Match Girl' and as scientists we will be continuing our exploration of food chains and moving on to identifying and comparing materials.

### **You can support your child this half term by:**

#### **Reading**

During this half term, we will be continuing to work on developing fluency and ensuring that the children can read at least 80-90 words per minute fluently and expressively, without having to build. You can help your child to be a fluent reader by encouraging them to read a page a few times and listen to themselves becoming more fluent as they re-read, adding expression as they go. You don't need to do this for every page but it is useful to do this whenever you read with your child.

We are looking closely at these following aspects of reading this term:

**Retrieval and recall** – looking back to find obvious answers in the text;

**Prediction** – using what you know to work out what might happen next;

**Inference** – using what they have read and what they know from life to answer questions that are not so obvious in the text.

Please use the questions we gave you at parents evening to help.

Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

#### **Writing**

We are going to be having a fabulous focus upon improving our handwriting as this will make the whole experience of writing much more satisfying and less tiring.

Please encourage your child to use our cursive handwriting and always start lower case letters on the line. Remember, capital letters do not have a lead in or flick. We have attached a copy of our handwriting style and ask that you encourage your child to use it to practise.

Spellings are also on focus – in particular the first 100 of the Year2 challenges and also words ending in the suffixes of –s, es- ies, -ing, -ly and –ed. We will also be looking at how prefixes can change the meanings of words eg 'un' added to a word means 'not' eg important – unimportant.

#### **Spelling Challenges:**

**Remember to look at the spellings that your child needs to work on to improve.**

**We will carry out three challenges during this half term.**

#### **Maths**

This half term we will be working on multiplication (by repeated addition and arrays) and division (by sharing and grouping). Please continue to help your child to learn the 2 (relate to doubling), 5 and 10 times tables and count in 3's. We will also be learning our multiplication and division facts for these times tables and how the two operations are related e.g  $5 \times 2 = 10$  so  $10 \div 5 = 2$ . We will be linking our knowledge of multiplication and division to other areas of maths e.g. counting in 5's is brilliant way of helping your child tell the time in 5 minute intervals and relating dividing to find a fraction e.g  $\div 2$  (half)  $\div 4$  (quarters)  $\div 3$  (thirds)

Don't forget you can also access fun games related to each topic by using: [www.interactiveresources.co.uk](http://www.interactiveresources.co.uk)

Username: Year 2 MP

Password: Charlie

Just a reminder: maths challenges are also on the website for you to print off and practise as part of your child's **weekly** home learning.

**Maths Challenges:**

**Fridays**

**Believe it, Achieve it!**

 Let's Celebrate! 

Class Stars of the Week:

Stars of the week:

Oliver C, Jayden James, Tyler Turley, Hafsa - ALL OF YEAR 2!

Writing Star:

Adasyn, Jacob, Jayden, Oliver P

Reading Star:

Lucas, Anaís, William, Renae

Maths Star:

Georgia, William, Max, Matilda-Rose

Super Maths Challenger:

Caleb, Isabel, Casey, Corey

Handwriting Star:

Ellísía, Ethan, Lola, Hayden

Sports Star:

Bradley, Alexander, Ben

Spelling Challenges:

These children have improved their scores:

Amíra, Georgia, Grace, Anaís, Ellísía, Chloe, Oliver C, Bradley, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Ruby, Lilly E, Jacob, Olívía, Matilda-Rose, Ethan, Lauren, Alexander, Hafsa, Kíera, Molly-Grace, Oliver P, Zach P, Harry, Finley, Lola, Freddie, Tyler, Hayden, Ben

Special mention for Amíra, Grace, Adasyn, Ellísía, Chloe, Leo, Max, Lauren, Hafsa, Oliver P, Zach P, Tyler, Hatden, Ben who have all moved onto Challenge 2!

Maths Challenges:

Amíra, Georgia, Lucas, Anaís, Caleb, Ellísía, Chloe, William, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Ruby, Lilly C, Lilly E, Jacob, Noah, Matilda, Jayden J, Lauren, Lilly Rose, Isabel, Oliver P, Renae, Zach P, Harry, Finley, Jayden S, Casey, Freddie, Tyler, Hayden, Ian, Corey, Hafsa and Ben.

Pupil of the Month

Isabel

Kindness Award

Olívía

Outstanding Learner Award

Amíra, Georgia, Grace, Anaís, Caleb, Ellísía, Chloe, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Ruby, Lilly C, Lilly E, Jacob, Olívía, Matilda, Michelle, Alexander, Kíera, Jayden J, Lauren, Michelle, Isabel, Oliver P, Zach P, Shawríí, - Léigh, Finley, Lola, Freddie, Tyler, Hayden, Ian, Zach W, Ben and Hafsa.

Amber Badges

Hafsa, Matilda-Rose, Kíera, Isabel, Molly-Grace

## Visit- Blakesley Hall



### Dates for diary:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Return to school

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - E-safety performance

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Learning Journey evening

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening (3.15-5.30pm)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening (5-7pm)

### January/February Birthdays

A very happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday to:



Alex E

Kiera

Lucas

Amira

Oliver C

Matilda

Casey

Ben

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018 to all of our families and to our lovely pupils. Thank you so much for all of your support and hard work over the Autumn term.

From The Year Two Staff x