



Mount Pleasant Primary School
Year 2 Half-Termly Newsletter

Nov-Dec
2017

Our News

What an excellent first half term Year 2 have had! We are thrilled with the children's excellent attitude to learning and they have certainly matured a great deal - showing more independence and focus. Well done! We had a wonderful week shopping, preparing and making soup just before half term! The children used many English and maths skills and also took charge of budgeting and spending the money at Brierley Hill ASDA. They also learned how to use their manners and observation skills to ensure that they were mature and considerate consumers. During this half term the children will be continuing to work on our Hans Christian Andersen topic. Our main texts will be: The Little Mermaid and The Beastly Pirates/The Pirates Next Door. 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 but some of the highlights will be: working as historians we will be learning about chronology, famous pirates of old and visiting Blakesley Hall to learn all about the Great Fire of London; as artists, we will be exploring fabric dyeing techniques (tie-dye) to create sea-themed calendars; as geographers, we will be map-making, finding out about islands and coastlines; as musicians we will be learning to use instruments to portray the movement of sea creatures and water after listening to Fingal's Cave by Felix Mendelsohn and to show the build-up of the Great Fire of London and as scientists we will be continuing to explore animal habitats and food chains.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

During this half term, we will be continuing to work on reading for meaning through asking lots of comprehension questions. Please ask your child why or how they know the answers to your questions and getting them to show you where the answer is in the text. Also, remember to check that the children understand the meaning of vocabulary when they read. It is easy for them to read a whole page fluently but then not to fully understand it as words you think that they understand, they don't. We will also be asking the children to talk about features of non-fiction (information) texts. Features to look out for are:

Title
Subheading
Fact box
Topic words
Paragraphs
Labels
Captions
Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

Writing

We are going to be writing information texts, poems and retelling stories this half term. These will be based on under the sea, pirates, mermaids and of course our visit to Blakesley Hall. We are ensuring that we add in conjunctions to extend sentences (and, but, so, also, because, if...) and continue to work on writing expanded noun phrases (adding more to our sentences to make them more detailed eg adjectives to describe). 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 are learning to spell using the spelling letters of the alphabet rather than the phonic sounds, so please ensure that the children try to use these. To make the Big Spelling Challenges a little less daunting this term, we will be doing them over the course of a week rather than all in one go.

Spelling Challenges:
w/b 30.10, 27.11, 11.12

Maths

This half term we will be working on securing adding and subtracting two digit numbers up to 100 (using resources and images to help us). Please continue to practise addition and subtraction facts to 20 and understanding both processes as inverse operations e.g. $14+6=20$ so $20-14=6$ etc. We are challenging the children to apply their knowledge of number facts to solve +/- sums e.g. **$6+4=10$... $36+4=40$... $60+40=100$**

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 moving onto learning our multiplication and division facts for these times tables and how the two operations are related e.g. $5 \times 2 = 10$ so $10 \div 5 = 2$.

Don't forget you can also access fun games related to each topic by using:

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:

Caleb, Adasyn, Ruby, Alex E, Michelle, Shawrii-Leigh

Writing Star:

Ellisia, Oliver C, Leo, Max, Ian

Reading Star:

Amira, Chloe, Lilly C, Ethan, Lauren, Hayden

Maths Star:

Jacob, Lauren, Isabel, Molly-Grace, Freddie, Tyler

Super Maths Challenger:

Anais, Lilly C, Noah, Oliver, Finley

Handwriting Star:

Grace, Anais, William, Olivia, Kiera, Ben

Sports Star:

Thomas

Spelling Challenges:

These children have scored 50% or more on their first Y2 Challenge:

Amira, Grace, Anais, Caleb, Ellisia, Chloe, Leo, Max, Adasyn, Jacob, Lauren, Hafsa, Lilly-Rose, Isabel, Oliver P, Renae, Zach P, Harry, Shawrii-Leigh, Finley, Lola, Casey, Freddie, Tyler, Hayden, Ian, Corey, Ben

Special mention for Ellisia who scored 100% first time!

Maths Challenges:

These children have moved on with their challenges—well done!

Lola, Noah, Grace, Ethan, Georgia, William, Ruby, Lauren, Kiera, Oliver P, Zach P, Harry, Freddie, Amira, Caleb, Chloe, Max, Adasyn, Jacob, Shawrii, Tyler, Ian, Ben, Hafsa, Ellisia, Leo, Finley, Corey, Lilly C, Anais, Lilly E, Hayden

Pupil of the Month

Ben, Amira

Kindness Award

Caleb, Georgia

Visits

We enjoyed our visit to ASDA to shop for vegetables and loved the visit from the Saltmine Theatre Company who taught us more about the British values of following rules, having a voice, respecting and accepting others and having choices.



Dates for diary:

Friday 20th October - half term

Wednesday 15th November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 17th November - Cinema visit

Friday 24th November - visit to Blakesley Hall - return approx. 4pm

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December - KS1 Christmas performance - Year 1 parents invited

Friday 8th December - KS1 Christmas performance - Year 2 parents invited

Wednesday 13th November - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19th December - Break up for Christmas

November/December Birthdays

A very happy 7th birthday to:



Bradley	Lilly C
Ryley	Oliver P
Jayden J	Max
Adasyn	Leo
Corey	Ian
	Lola
	Chloe