

## GENERAL

This is our Autumn 2 newsletter to keep you informed about what your child will be learning and taking part in this half term. We hope that you will find it useful. If you have any queries please come and have a chat with your child's class teacher - Mrs Tabor or Mrs Wood.

This half term our main topic work covers **Ancient Greece**, and of course Christmas!

**MATHS** - Following the Maths No Problem scheme we will be developing our multiplication and division skills, alongside problem solving understanding. We continue to work hard on learning our times tables.

**ICT** -Units from 'Purple Mash' will continue to be used for our IT this term and we will focus on coding microbits.

**HISTORY** - We will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will find out about Greek leaders and the way of life. We might even get chance to have a Greek feast!

**ART/DT**- We will be learning about different types of fastenings and then designing and making christmas stockings. We will also look at designing and creating pavilions.

**MUSIC** - We will be continuing to learn the recorder: hold the recorder, blowing correctly and learning notes A and B. The children will use their creativity to improvise forest sounds on their recorder.

# Newsletter

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## SPECIAL DATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December - **School closes**

Monday 6th January 2024 - **School reopens to pupils**

w/c Monday 2nd June - Multiplication check - details to follow

**LITERACY** - Our work this half term will be based around the book 'Once Upon a Raindrop'. We will start with some poetry work and then develop our explanation writing and our instruction writing skills. Guided reading will also continue as well as individual reading and Reading Plus.

**SCIENCE**- We will be looking at a topic called 'Electricity'. This involves learning about circuits, investigating which materials conduct electricity and creating switches.

**R.E.** - We will complete our unit 'Belief in the Community', focusing on the key question 'What does it mean to belong to a faith?'. Later we will look at the significance of light to Christmas and the Christian religion.

**PE** - **Tuesday and Thursday will continue to be our PE days.** Children need to come to school dressed ready with appropriate clothing and footwear. One lesson will be outdoors in the MUGA and another indoors which will cover dance.

**FRENCH** -The children will learn the days of the week and words and phrases connected with school lessons. We will consolidate knowledge of numbers in French and look at simple number sentences within French maths!

## Home learning - **Reading**

remains a key focus for children in Year 4 and we would appreciate it if you would continue to read regularly with your child.

**Times tables** are key to help us with our maths. Please encourage your child to practise. Children also have Log Ins for Reading Plus, Spelling Shed and TTRockstars. Regular visits to these sites will boost their times table and reading skills.