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Monday 6th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. It will be a busy half term in the lead up to the Christmas break with lots of new learning taking place. During this half term, we will have many focus areas in English and Maths. In Maths, we will be continuing our learning of addition and subtraction and we will also learn about different shapes and their properties. In English, we will be improving our reading and writing skills, using our key text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark'. As well as this, we will be exploring non-fiction texts about pets and also reading, reciting and writing animal poetry, using a collection of poems from the book 'Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright'.

In our foundation subjects, we will be starting a number of new topics. We will be studying History and our topic will be '*Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot*, where we will be learning about the history behind Bonfire Night. In addition to this, we will be looking at the topic '*Animals including Humans*' in Science.

Year 2 children will continue to have two weekly P.E lessons, one indoor and one outdoor. Last half term, there were a significant number of children without a P.E kit on their P.E day, meaning that they couldn't access the full curriculum. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E kit (including jogging bottoms and trainers/ plimsoles) in school, which they can leave on their peg. A reminder of the P.E days is below:

P.E Days

2C- Wednesday (outdoor), Friday (indoor)

2R- Wednesday (outdoor), Thursday (indoor)

2W- Indoor (Tuesday), Thursday (outdoor)

In order to support your child at John Perry, please read at home together at least four times a week and write a comment in your child's 'Reading Record'. It has been really pleasing seeing how much reading is going on in some homes and we'd love every child to develop a love of reading with their families! We are really focussing on handwriting so please support your child in completing their homework using consistent and correct letter formation. Homework is handed out on a Monday and is due in on the following Monday. Each week, the children will be tested on their weekly spelling words, please continue to support them in practising these important words and phonics sounds. This half term, we would like you to complete another 'Home Learning Project' with your child, which will further deepen their understanding of Science and living things. This will be sent home with your child on Monday 30th October.

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings, including their water bottle, are clearly labelled with their name as this will help staff to return mislaid belongings quickly. We are regularly helping children search for unnamed coats and jumpers, with sometimes, no luck. As always, if you have any queries or concerns then please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lane, Mrs Willmer, Mrs Rogers and Miss Rahman

The Year



SCHOOL MEMBER

