Y2 Classroom News

Avondale Primary School



Autumn 2

Welcome to Autumn 2. We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and are ready for another busy half term. Thank you for your support at parents' evening – it was lovely to meet so many of you and thanks for your understanding with the rescheduled date for 2L. This half term is full of activities and learning for the children to enjoy and it has lots of Christmas celebrations towards the end of term too.

Friendly Reminders

- P.E days for both 2W and 2L are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E kit. Earrings will need to be removed or covered with a plaster.
- There is NO Forest School this half term.
- ·Please remember to sign your child's reading book when they have read. Please read with your child 5 times a week minimum. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday.
- Homework and spellings will be put on the blog on a Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday.



Dates for your Diary

11th November	Remembrance Day
16th November	2L Parents Evening
27th November	Christmas Craft Day
23rd November	Assessment Week
3rd December	Christmas Pantomime: Robin Hood
4th December	Christmas Fair Donation Day (non-uniform)
5th December	Christmas Fair
14th December	Autumn Term Report to go home
14th December	Christmas Plays: EYFS (14:15) & Y1/2 (18:00)
15th December	Christmas Plays: Y4/5 (14:15) & EYFS (18:00)
16th December	Christmas Plays: Y1/2 (14:15) & Y4/5 (18:00)
17th December	Y3 Carols Around the Christmas Tree (14:15)
17th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	School breaks up at 13:30
4th January	School reopens for Spring Term 1

What we are studying

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing heavily on addition and subtraction – eventually challenging ourselves to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. We will also be continuing to work on our x10, x2 and x5 times tables. Homework for maths will be set weekly on Purple Mash and there will also be homework set on TT Rockstars.

English

During our English this term, we will continue to develop the children's understanding of the Year 2 grammar objectives. We will also continue to look at spelling rules and exceptions.
Our English unit is looking at poetry. We will look at poems about fire to link in with our History topic. We will also read our class novel 'Toby and The Great Fire of London' and use it to help us to write our own narrative.

History

This term, our theme is based around our History unit which is all about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about how the fire started, why it spread and what happened after the fire.
Key vocabulary– fire, London, baker, spread, squirt, wooden, timber, King Charles, narrow, fire engine, leather buckets, Samuel Pepys, diary, The Monument, Pudding Lane, Thomas Farriner, bakery



Science and DT

Our Science is all about materials and their properties. We will be doing some experiments and continuing our work on improving our scientific skills. In our DT lessons we will be tasting bread, making salt dough and eventually making our own bread!
Key vocabulary– properties, opaque, transparent, rigid, strong, strength, bending, squashing, squeezing, absorbent, translucent, materials