## Dem NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2

Hello!

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and had lots of fun. We are now entering a really busy term at school and will be soon beginning to work on our Christmas nativity!

This term, we have begun our work on 'The Gunpowder Plot'. Therefore, if any of you attend a bonfire night celebration on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we would love for you to bring in any photos you may have, to share and discuss with the class.

Thank you for all of your hard work learning your spellings, reading lots at home and carrying out some of the maths shed challenges when you can. The spellings given to each group are based upon one of the sounds which we are covering in our phonic lessons. It was fabulous to see such great scores last term; keep up the good work Rabbits!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov — Flu Vaccinations

13<sup>th</sup> Nov — Anti-bullying week

13<sup>th</sup> Nov — Odd socks day

4th Dec — Nativity dress rehearsal to school

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Dec — Nativity shows

8th Dec — Christmas Fair

11th Dec — Family trust Christmas shpw

13th Dec — Christmas jumper day/day of joy

14th Dec — Christmas disco

15<sup>th</sup> Dec — Christmas service, Gold star assembly, last day at school.





**Phonics** — In phonics this term, we shall be continuing to revisit the phase 3 phonic sounds and shall also be beginning to learn our new, phase 5 sounds.

English — We shall be completing some non-fiction writing based upon Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. We will be building up to write our own recounts of the plot, ensuring that we cover all of the key points in order whilst also using neat handwriting, full stops, capital letters, conjunctions, adjectives and when appropriate, exclamation marks. We shall also work with the text 'Blue Penguin' by Petr Horacek, which has a lovely wintery theme and shall help us to practise our descriptive writing and sentence construction.

Maths — This term, we will continue with our work on both addition and subtraction, learn to identify a variety of 2D and 3D shapes and tell the time for both o'clocks and half pasts. We shall also be delving into place value and unpicking the tens and ones of various numbers, as well as introducing ourselves to the world of fractions, in which we focus on halves and quarters of shapes, objects and quantities. Following this, we shall then begin some work on money.

Science — This term in science we shall be beginning our work on electricity and creating our own electrical circuits using practical equipment such as batteries, wires, crocodile clips and bulbs. Following this we shall explore plants and trees in greater depth, looking into their structure and what they require to grow.

Music — Our music sessions this term will be focussing on learning our Christmas songs in preparation for our upcoming nativity play!

**RE** — Within RE this term, we shall continue to explore Christianity and what Christians believe. This term these sessions will be with Mrs Berry.

PE — During our PE sessions, we shall be continuing our work on our football skills and playing various team games to incorporate these. We also be creating our own wake and shake routine to music.

PHSE — This term we will have an anti-bullying week and we shall also be discussing those who are special to us and why and those we can talk to if we ever feel worried.

**Computing** — In computing we shall be working on our digital painting. We shall be using shape, line and colour and make careful choices to recreate some famous pieces of artwork.

**History** — Our history work this term shall link with our English and focus upon Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

Art/DT — This term we shall be focussing upon painting. Within this work, we shall be exploring both primary and secondary colours, shades and light and dark. We shall also be focussing on a famous artist and creating some Christmas decorations towards the end of the term.