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Year Two Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Bickleigh Down will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 2nd October. Children are invited to bring in canned or dry food donations which will be given to charity. Please read the notice in the newsletter for the specific items that are needed for donations.

Flu Vaccine

Children who have been given parental consent will receive their Flu Vaccination in school on Tuesday 29th September.

Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading bookmark to school every day. Reading takes place in school each day.

Numbots Maths App

We suggest just a few minutes a day on this App for continued improvement and progress.

Handwriting

Please support your child to persevere with the learning of cursive handwriting taught in school.



Maths

- Partitioning numbers into tens and ones. Part-part-whole model.
- Partitioning numbers in various ways eg $36 = 30+6$, $20+16$, $10+26$
- Estimate numbers on a number line.
- Practise number bonds within 10.

English

- Identify nouns, adjectives, conjunctions and verbs.
- Investigate how word order changes sentences.
- Create compound sentences by joining two single clauses
- Use pronouns correctly in compound sentences.
- Identify and sort regular and irregular verbs.

Science

'What animals need for survival'. This includes investigating animal classification. This week, we look at Reptiles and Humans.

History

The Great Fire of London. This week, we will look at the diary of Samuel Pepys and learn facts about him and his life.

Homework

Homework consists of tasks reflecting and consolidating the class teaching from the week. The quantity of homework will gradually increase over the next six weeks until it reaches tasks that should be completed in half an hour. This will include some of these elements:

- A short phonics task based on the phonics pattern learnt during the week (spellings)
- Ongoing learning of the Year 2 common exception words.
- Ongoing use of the Numbots Maths App to practise maths skills.
- A short maths, English, science or topic-based task consolidating the week's learning.
- In addition, it is expected that children read for 15 minutes a day outside school hours.

This could be alone or with an adult.

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Children should work for half an hour and complete as much as possible. Homework is designed as a



consolidation exercise and as an opportunity for demonstrating knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous. A spelling test of 10 words containing the phonics spelling pattern learnt during the week will take place on Fridays.

PE lessons take place on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors).

We love to hear about important events or occasions in the children's lives. We set aside a short amount of 'show and tell time' once a week, usually on a Monday. This is the weekly opportunity to share with the class or bring in special things to show.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

