

## ENGLISH

We will continue to focus on making sure that all the children can write sentences with the correct punctuation. This solid foundation will allow us to continue to build strong writers and to make our writing more interesting.

We will write for a variety of purposes such as in History we will be writing a 'Wanted' description of Guy Fawkes and decide whether he is a hero or villain. Then we will create shape poems that use shape to enhance vocabulary choices for specific themes. Finally, we will be writing instructions on how to sew safely which will be a helpful guide for next year's Year 2s.

## PSHE

This half term we will be celebrating difference and thinking about the differences between boys and girls, why bullying happens and who to speak to when you need help.



## Design & Technology

Puppets, Puppets, Puppets are the focus of our Design and Technology project this half term. We are even going to try our hand at sewing!



Wish us luck!

## MATHS

We are continuing to develop our simple arithmetic this half term to include 'funny writing' which is vertical addition with tricky columns. This will move on to 'funny counting' with tricky columns in subtraction maths stories.

Money will be a focus and we will learn the value of British coins and how to use the correct coins for a given amount.

Finally, we will be thinking about multiplication. In year 2 we concentrate on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and use these facts to answer maths stories.

## RE

We will be answering the big question, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' Leading up to Christmas, we will look at the characters who feature in the Nativity and think about what they saw and what they heard at this special time. We will think about how the nativity is represented in homes and churches.



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## COMPUTING

We are going to be games testers this half term. We will be working out the rules for games by observing and describing carefully what happens in a game.

## MUSIC



**Ho, Ho, Ho!** is the Christmas song that we will be learning during the music lessons, alongside learning and performing the traditional Christmas carols and the nativity songs.

## SCIENCE

### Meet the Material Monster!

The focus for this half term is to identify, classify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.

The materials monster lives on different kinds of materials, eats them, uses them, and likes to know everything about materials.

## INFORMATION

Our PE day is still a **Wednesday**, and the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. Please remember to remove all jewellery on PE day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and Reading Record to school every day.

## HISTORY

We are going to be looking at two very different events from the Stuart period. We will start to look at The Gunpowder Plot and its significance in the introduction of Bonfire night in the UK calendar and then move onto the causes and effects of The Great Fire of London.