

## Tennis and Football

As the weather is colder now, we are holding our tennis sessions every other Monday at school. While the weather is still dry, we are aiming for these to take place outside on the playground, so the children will need to come well equipped for cold weather. We will also be carrying on with football on a Wednesday, which will alternate with fitness training every other week as requested by the school council. The children will need sports shoes, trousers and a T-shirt or jumper.

## Activities

- Tennis: Monday
- Swimming: Monday
- Football/Fitness: Wednesday
- Homework:
  - **Comprehension** is given out on a Monday and should be returned by Wednesday
  - **Handwriting** is given out on a Wednesday and should be returned by Friday
  - **Numeracy** is given out on a Friday and should be back by Monday

We are due to have our class assembly at 9am on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. We would love to see lots of you there!

## Maths

The children's number work has really come on well this term and their understanding of other times tables are starting to progress. We are going to have a big push on understanding how to find different fractions of shapes and numbers, as well as to develop their understanding of reading bar charts.

Having recently done a practice SATs week, the children scored better on the number test than the problem solving test, therefore we are going to have much more of a focus on applying the skills that we have learnt.

## English

During our practise SATs week, it became apparent just how important it is that the children can not only read for meaning, but read at speed. The second test requires the children to read a large amount of text in order to answer some very specific questions. We will be placing a great emphasis on speed reading this term, as well as on comprehension.

The children's understanding of punctuation is really developing. We now need to work on using the past and present tense, as well as on identifying spelling patterns. Any support that you can provide your child with at home will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much for your support throughout the Autumn term! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. Miss Pogson and Mrs Khan

# Year 2's Newsletter

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## Welcome back after the holidays!

We hope you had a wonderful break with your families. It's great to see all the children back and eager to learn. The children demonstrated a great attitude towards their learning over the Autumn Term and I can't wait to see how that continues this term!

I would first like to say what a fantastic job I thought the children did in their Christmas Production! They all had an important part to play, whether it was with their acting, speaking, singing or instrument playing and I would like to thank you for any support you provided in order to make this really successful.

Lots of the children are into the routine of handing all three pieces of homework back in and on time. I would be really grateful for your support in ensuring they are completing this to the best of their ability, considering their presentation and ability to answer the comprehension questions in full sentences.

I would also really like to reach 100% of children reading 5 times a week every week, as it will prove invaluable when it comes to their SATs later in the year.

## Clay

This half term we are going to be learning about clay. As it is an Art based topic, I am sure the children are going to thoroughly enjoy moulding the clay into lots of different structures and finding out how it is made. We have our assembly on Wednesday 11th January at 9am. I am sure you will look forward to hearing all about the Materials topic we studied last half term, which will link well with our new topic which is focussed around clay.

## Swimming

The children have been excited about swimming since the beginning of the Autumn Term and it has finally arrived! We will be swimming every Monday afternoon until the Easter holidays. The children need to bring a one piece swimming costume/pair of shorts and towel every week in order to become more confident swimmers. Please ensure that if your child needs to wear goggles, then a signed letter is provided in order to give permission.