Weaverham Forest Primary School
Class Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome back to Autumn 2….and what's that I can see approaching rapidly in the distance?! The children have settled brilliantly back into the swing of life in Reception, and it is great to see that routines and regularity are in place as they continue to grow and make great progress

Autumn 2 is always a lovely time to be in school: the seasonal sunshine yet chilly conditions, those endless rainbow leaves falling and covering our playground, and of course, Christmas! Of course we still have learning to complete, but the end of year nativity, when THE WHOLE SCHOOL come together, really is a moment to savour and cherish. 7 weeks are going to fly by!

Don't forget if you have any queries or questions you can contact us at recteach@weaverhamforest.cheshire.sch.uk

English

We started the half term looking in depth at our handwriting early steps. This involved work around posture, the best way of not only holding but picking up our pencils, and the strokes we use to create all our letters. This will be built on throughout the year. We will touch briefly on our new story (see below) and will also celebrate *World Nursery Rhyme Week* across 9 – 13th November before returning back to our focus text.
This half term, we are studying both the texts *Lost* by Mariajo Ilustrajo and *Moon Girl* by Thomas Docherty. Both texts will help us develop our understanding of character and appreciation of how words allow our imagination to be transformed.
In phonics and reading we will continue through the INITIAL CODE of the Sounds Write program, with a linked text to sounds we have studied being sent home to be read across the next 7 days.

Maths

This half term we will continue to follow the Power Maths Program of Study. Our units of work will focus on:

*Change within 5 (including finding 1 more, finding 1 less, noticing if an amount is greater or fewer than the other and sharing and promoting the language and vocabulary associated with these concepts).

*Number Bonds within 5 (including ways that 5 can be made, beginning to understanding that an amount can be made in many different ways and simple number facts to 5).

*Space (lots of learning around spacial awareness, the language associated with this, and putting our understanding to use)

Science

This half term's worth of work in the SCIENCE section of UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD is split between the following units:

*Changing Seasons

*I am a Scientist

As the titles suggest, this will see us engaging in learning about both seasons and the wonders of Science!

Foundation Subjects

Further UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AREAS OF LEARNING INCLUDE:
*Geography- Weaverham in the Past
*History- Items from the Past
*RE- The Christmas Story

As part of our EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN we will be studying:
*Art- Perfect Painting (based on a range of painting techniques and experiences)
*DT- Fruit and Vegetables (yes…some cooking!)

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:
This half term we will be working alongside Mr Paul Finney from Weaverham High School to develop both our Motor Competence skills and gymnastics core techniques
Please wear PE kits to school every Friday for our timetabled session, come rain or shine.

Homework

Please continue with sharing and reading weekly books as many times as possible. As the term progresses you will notice that more writing is found on each page, but we are not expecting the whole text to be read at a time; a few pages per time is absolutely fine.

Important Dates
Whole School Pantomime Trip- 09.12.26 AM (children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers!)
Stay and Play (MORNING SESSION BEFORE CHURCH NATIVITY!)- 17.12.26 10:00 – 11:30am
Whole School Nativity (with Reception 'playing' the parts and year 6 reading the Christmas story) - 17.12.26 from 1:30PM
(held at St Mary's Church, Weaverham)