



Rufford Class

What will we be learning about?

This half term, our History focus centres around the Great Fire of London and we will be completing some really exciting work relating to this in History, English and Art. We are also going to be enjoying a range of Christmas themed activities in the run up to the big day and have a wonderful trip to look forward to as well. We will be finding out more about colour mixing and collage, Incarnation and the Christmas story in RE as well as investigating different materials in Science. In Maths, we continue to work through a range of different addition and subtraction techniques and will then be moving on to shape and symmetry.

PE Information

We move on to gymnastics for PE this half term, and PE days remain the same - Monday and Friday. Uniform expectations are the same as always, and earrings should be removed or covered before school starts. Please ensure children are wearing shoes they can easily take on and off independently.

Homework

As we have now had time to settle in to the reading and spelling expectations, this half term will see an increase in homework tasks for children to have a go at. These will link to what we have been learning about in class or will be reading comprehensions or arithmetic questions in line with Year 2 expectations. Please complete what you can and let me know if you are having any issues.

Spelling

Our weekly spelling scores are absolutely brilliant and I am so proud of how well the children have adapted to using Spelling Shed and bringing their spelling logs to school each Friday. Please keep going with it!

Reading

We will now be moving to reading lessons, where comprehension will be a new focus alongside fluency and decoding words. We will be learning how to answer different questions and support our ideas with evidence from the text. When reading at home, please discuss comprehension style questions with your children as it will really make a difference to their confidence. Questions such as 'how do you know he is happy?' or 'who was the main character in the story?' are a great place to start.

Dates

- 10th November - Odd Socks Day
- 14th November - Non uniform in exchange for chocolate
- 18th November - individual photos with Wrates
- 21st November - Children in Need
- 28th November - Rainbow Raffle Donation Day
- 4th December - Christmas Fayre
- 8th December - KS1 Nativity, 2pm and 5.30pm
- 10th December - Christmas Craft Afternoon
- 11th December - Pantomime Visit
- 16th December - KS1 Disco 4pm
- 17th December - Christmas Dinner and Party Day

Wrap Around Care

We continue to run after school clubs and these vary each day. They may also change each half term. For now, the clubs are as follows:

Monday - baking

Tuesday - board games

Wednesday - hockey

Thursday - arts and crafts

Friday - movie club

Don't forget, we also have a breakfast club that runs from 7.30 each morning!

Odd Socks Day

On Monday, we will be taking part in odd socks day to raise awareness linked to anti-bullying week. Please come to school wearing odd socks - the brighter, the better!

Pantomime

We have a really exciting opportunity to go as a school to watch Aladdin in December. Please remember to book a place on Arbor.