















Year 1/2 Class Newsletter - Term 2

'Super Seasons of Stickman'

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a brilliant half term. Our topic for this term will be 'Super Seasons of Stickman'. We will be exploring the story of 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson, using it as a starting point for all of our learning. We will be learning about seasonal changes, how to measure the weather, poetry, story writing, and drawing maps. We will also explore events that happen in different seasons including Bonfire Night.

<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p> 	<p>Letters & Sounds</p> 		<p>Poetry</p> <p>Fireworks poems</p>		<p>Story and script writing</p>	<p>Letter and invitation writing</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Shape and space</p> 	<p>Place Value</p>	<p>Measures</p>	<p>Addition and Subtraction</p> 	<p>Multiplication and Division</p> 	
<p>Creative Development</p> 	 <p>Firework and Stickman Songs, making instruments, learning Christmas songs</p>			<p>Art</p> <p>Firework paintings Using leaves Seasons collage, exploring illustrators</p>		<p>DT</p> <p>Making Stick characters</p>
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Science Exploring the Seasons and how to measure and observe the weather.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>Map making Draw a map of Stickman's journey Seasonal changes Using directions</p> 		<p>ICT</p> <p>Exploring Shadows</p>	<p>History</p> <p>History of the village, bonfire night, changes in weather in time, exploring buildings from the past.</p>	<p>RE</p>  <p>How do Christians worship God?</p> <p>Why do people give presents at Easter?</p>

Personal, Social and Emotional	Learning Powers Forest School team work Good learners chart	Mutual respect - how to treat others and how we treat ourselves 	Being Healthy in mind and body and keeping safe Labelling body parts 
Physical Development Outdoor and Adventurous Activities	Team games and co-operation. 	Gymnastics	Fireworks dancing Cardiovascular exercise as part of healthy living week

Home Learning - If the children find any information on the seasons, weather or do any work at home inspired by 'Stickman,' they are welcome to bring it in to share with the class. There will be a home learning project every other term. The next one will be given out in term 3.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes. It is really important that the children bring their book bags, yellow reading record and their reading book into school every day . When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the yellow reading record , or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary. We will change their books when appropriate.
Spelling	Spelling homework will be sent home every week. Please can your child complete and bring back the following Tuesday. Common exception words should be read and spelt correctly by the end of year 2. These are attached to this newsletter. Year 1 need to continue to practice their phonic sounds. It will be helpful for children to use www.phonicsplay.co.uk. There are lots of games to play which support phonics learning e.g. Obb and Bob is a game they can play. We have attached phase 3, 4 and 5 phonics mats that the children need to be able to read.
Maths	Please complete the maths homework - sent home every other week in maths books. Year 2 - Times tables - please support your child to learn their x10, x2 x5, x3 times tables so that they know them off by heart, backwards, and at any point can tell you the answer e.g. 6 x 5 =

Key questions to ask your child at home	Useful Websites	Topic Websites
Can you retell the story of Stickman? How do you know the seasons are changing? Can you identify the characters in Stickman? Can you order the seasons? Can you select which months go in which season? Can you practice your number bonds to 10 and 2?	www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games. www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3-5 games, blending sounds and words.	www.stickmanofficial.com/book/ www.youtube.com/watch?v=swKDQR9Fs4 www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwkqmp3/videos/1 www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zwkqmp3

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bags each day.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Please can your child bring their PE kit every day. This can be left on their peg. Mr Watson teaches the PE session.
- **YEAR 1 AND 2 WILL BE DOING FOREST SCHOOL THIS TERM** - The children will need a forest school kit in school including long trousers, a top covering their arms and waterproofs. Please can all children have a set of wellington boots in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy.
- **Share Learning** - if the children would like to share something from home with the class, it needs to be linked to the topic, their learning in school or a personal achievement.
- **Cursive Script** - please can you encourage your child to write with joined up handwriting. They are learning this in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask. If you need to speak to me, I am on the playground every day at 8:45am. Please see Mrs Wicks or me if you would like to make appointment to see me.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead

Miss Purcell