

Other Subjects

ART

Our art lessons will focus on painting portraits, using various media effects. The children will investigate the use of pencil techniques, paint and pastels.

Religious Education and PSHE

We will be talking about ourselves and how to resolve conflict in various situations. Also, we will be looking at medicines that make us well and how harmful substances will make us ill. Next half term we will be reading and understanding the Christmas story.

Science

Our science lessons will be linked to our topic and we will be learning about the different food groups and how to plan a balanced meal. We will look at how animals, including humans grow and change.

We will be developing our understanding of animal life cycles, including humans. We will look at our bodies and a healthy lifestyle.

Other Information!

HOMEWORK

Homework plays an essential role in consolidating the knowledge and understanding your child gains from daily lessons. It is also a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child talking about what they have learnt. If possible this should be done away from distractions of the T.V. or younger children. Please also encourage and support your child to read and do little tasks on a daily basis. In addition to daily reading your child will receive literacy, maths and topic homework.

The spelling pattern of the week will also be sent home. The children will be expected to know how to use the pattern when writing and in their weekly test.

Inspire Session

During the second half term we will be inviting you in to make rockets with your children. More details to follow.

Planners

Please ensure that planners are in school on a daily basis. Please record when you hear your child read at home, as it is important to know whether the children have practised or have experienced any problems. It is also useful to know the page number that your child had read up to or if they have completed the book.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

NETHERBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 2
Autumn
Term
'It's a kind of Magic'

Mrs Wilkes and Miss Hill



Information for parents.

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Introduction

The children have settled in very well and we have had a productive start to the term. They are working very hard and we are pleased with their achievements so far! This newsletter is to let you know about our exciting Autumn Term.

We would like to thank you for the support you give your children at home.

Our PE days are
Mondays

Team read every
Wednesday.

Parents evening
coming soon.

Our class bear will be
going home with someone
every week.

We visit our school
library on
Mondays.

We will change
library books every
week.

Literacy

This half term in Literacy, we are focusing on writing recounts and stories. These will be linked to our 'It's a kind of Magic' topic and the adventures of Winnie the Witch and the Funnybones stories. Our writing next half term will be linked to writing instructions. We will also be writing the Christmas story and poems about our special memories.



Please remember to remove earrings on PE days. Staff are not allowed to take earrings out.

It is also important that the correct PE kit is always in school.

You can help at home by:

- *Talking through your child's reading book with them.
- *Practise writing sentences with the correct punctuation.
- *Practise letter formation, concentrating on the correct starting point for each letter (At the top apart from d and e)
- *Give lots of opportunities for your child to practise words that contain the spelling pattern of the week.

Maths

Mental Maths

This term we will be focussing on improving our overall calculation and number skills. We will be working on developing our understanding of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We will also focus on doubling and halving numbers up to 20 and beyond.

Written Strategies

We will be focussing on the partitioning method for addition and introducing written methods for multiplication e.g. repeated addition using a blank number line. It is important that the children also learn the relationships between one operation and another e.g. addition is the opposite of subtraction and halving is the opposite of doubling.

We will also be continuing to work daily on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to enable the children use them when problem solving.

You can help at home by:

- *Playing games and support with homework activities.
- *Exploring real life maths e.g. when shopping adding up prices, working out the amount of change that should be given, using real money to play shopping games.
- *Practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.