

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term

### Welcome back!

I hope you had a great week off school picking pumpkins and enjoying the spooky Halloween weekend! Take a look at what we will be learning about this half term in the run up to Christmas and some important dates for your diary!

#### English

Our learning in English will begin with a spooky Halloween tale, where we will explore how the use of alliteration and adjectives can create a chilling atmosphere for the reader. Later, we will write our own defeating the monster tale based on the fantastic picture book, "The Pirate Cruncher" by Johnny Duddle. We will also learn how to include grammar terms such as adverbs and similes for description.



#### Maths

This half term we will continue to practise addition and subtraction using our number bonds to make the next ten, before moving onto the more formal column method to solve larger number problems. We will then explore other calculations including multiplication and division through practical activities before applying them to problems. Later, children will be introduced to telling the time.

#### History

We will be delving into the local history of Whitehaven Harbour this half term and more so the riches that it brought. The children will discover the story of the Jefferson brothers and how they came to their fortunes making and selling rum. The topic will also touch on the slave trade and how African slaves were mistreated on plantations during the time period.



#### DT

In DT, we will be learning more about the different food groups and how to ensure we eat a balanced diet to keep our bodies healthy. We will also learn how to prepare and cut foods ourselves so that we can make our very own healthy wrap to take home! Perhaps you could put your own skills to the test and start practising in your own kitchen!



DT: Balanced Diet and Textiles

Music: Ho Ho Ho



PE: Fundamentals & Gymnastics



RE: Why did God give Jesus to Earth? (Christianity)



Computing: Online Safety



PSHE: Celebrating our differences.

Science: Animals inc Humans.

#### Important Dates

- 30th October - KS1 Halloween Disco
- 8th Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 29th Nov - Y2 Class Assembly
- 7th Dec - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th Dec - Carol Service 10am
- 15th Dec - Christmas Fair 1:30pm
- 18th Dec - Party Day
- 19th Dec - Finish for Christmas 1pm