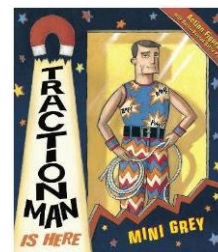


Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! The children have settled back into school life really well this week and have made super start to the new routine of the Year Two classes.



This term I will be out of the classroom first thing Thursday morning, and Thursday afternoons for PPA time. During these times the class will be covered by Mrs Peters. Mrs Wareham will be with us all day Monday – Wednesday, and Mr Agar will be with us every afternoon.

### English

In English we are looking at the book Traction Man. We will be learning about his adventures and even writing our own Traction Man story. We will also be writing some poems inspired by Traction Man, and some factual writing relating to some of our other curriculum subjects.

### Maths

In Maths in the Autumn term we are looking at addition and subtraction. We will be starting with adding two or three numbers within twenty, building up to adding and subtracting two-digit numbers within one hundred by the end of the term. We will also build on our learning about shape and money in Year One.

### Science

Science this term is all about Materials. We will be looking at what things are made of, why those materials were chosen and what other materials might be suitable for the same item.

### Geography

In Geography this term we are going to be looking at maps and positional language, learning to use both a map and key geographical language to navigate and give directions.

### Guy Fawkes

A little later in the term we will be looking at Guy Fawkes, learning about the history of the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate it today. After half-term we will also be using Guy Fawkes' exploits as inspiration for our textile project in DT.

### RE

In RE we will begin by looking at some of the key Muslim beliefs and how they worship. After half-term we will be reminding ourselves of the Christmas Story and why Christmas is important to Christians.

### PSHE

Our first PSHE topic this term is titled 'Being Me In My World' and focuses on helping children understand what rights and responsibilities they have within both the class and school. Our second topic will be 'Celebrating Difference'.

### PE

During the autumn term PE will be on **Thursdays** and **non-Woodlands Fridays**. Children will be having dance on Thursdays and can wear their PE kit for the entire day. Please can we ask that on PE Fridays they bring their PE kit in with them.

### Forest

We are delighted to be back in Forest School this term. We will be heading down to Woodlands alternate Fridays, beginning **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes (including shoes / wellies) for Forest School. This should include long trousers to protect legs from brambles, and a jumper as it is often cooler under the trees. Please bear in mind that we will head to the woodlands whatever the weather, so a waterproof may be needed even if it's sunny when you come to school in the morning!

### Reading / Reading records

In our reading sessions we will be continuing to build fluency and expression in the children's reading, and developing the children's reading comprehension skills. Children will bring a book home each week to read with you. This book may not be the same as the one they have read in class and is aimed at building fluency and confidence reading aloud. Books will be changed once a week, but please don't let that stop you reading more than once with them - it really is beneficial to re-read books as each time helps them practice reading with expression and adds to their fluency. Please do write in your child's reading record when they read to you (whether it's their home reader or another book) as it's lovely to see how much reading the children are doing at home.

### Homework

Homework will be handed out to children on a Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Monday please. It will include the weekly spelling words, a small Math task and a reading focus for the week. These will link to what we have been doing in class during the week.

I look forward to the year ahead, if you have any questions or queries please contact the office to arrange a phone call or conversation.

Best wishes, Miss Curry