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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and an enjoyable time with your children.

Here at Clenchwarton Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the two topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through up to Christmas.

Our class topic until half term is **'Toys'**

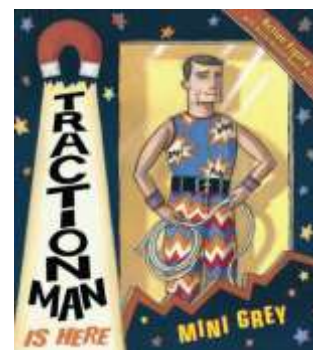
Literacy - Fiction **'Traction Man'** –retelling stories and having the opportunity to write their own adventure story.

Poetry- reciting and performing a range of poetry linked to our Toy topic.

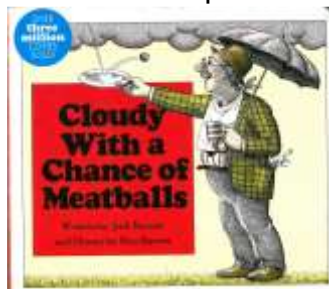
Maths – Number and place value, addition, subtraction, difference, money and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.

Science – We will be looking at **'Everyday materials'**. Understanding the uses of materials in daily life and the suitability of these.

History - We will be looking at toys in our past and toys now.



Our class topic from half term, until Christmas, is **'Blown away'**.



Literacy – Poetry - Present poems & become **'poetry stars'**.

Non-fiction – Writing Newspaper articles about bizarre weather!

Maths – Multiplication and divisions, Length and Mass/weight, fractions, statistic, time and an Assess and Review week.

Science – We will be looking at weather, seasons, and hot and cold places.

Geography – We will be thinking about Seasonal & daily weather patterns.

In addition to the above we will be also preparing for the annual Nativity production. There will be further details in future school newsletters about this.

Homework

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed (please don't do it for them!). A homework folder, containing the work, will be sent home on a THURSDAY evening. Please bring the folder to school EVERY Thursday, in the plastic bag provided.



Spellings and phonics

Spellings are part of the weekly homework. Your child will have a spelling booklet each half term, which contains a spelling grid for daily practice and a spelling activity each week. Please help your child to learn the spellings, which will usually follow a set spelling pattern, and return the folder back to school on a Thursday, ready for the test. Please encourage your child to practice the letter they form incorrectly, as unclear letters may result in your child receiving a lower mark than they could have achieved.

P.E.

P.E is on a Wednesday afternoon this half term. A full P.E kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. Swimming will be on Tuesday afternoons up until the October half term. Earrings must be removed before PE or swimming lessons, unfortunately school are not allowed to do this.

Reading Books

Please remember to encourage your child to bring in their reading book folder every day. Although it isn't possible for us to hear them read their books or word cards every day, we do try our best to squeeze this in whenever there is a spare moment! All children will be heard at least once a week by an adult and all children will be allocated a reading buddy from Year 5 to help provide some valuable extra reading time. If your child still has word cards, please feel free to remove the word cards from their tag and muddle them up, especially if you feel that your child is learning them in that order!

If you (or a grandparent, etc.) have any spare time (on a regular basis) and feel that you could help listen to children read, please come and see me.

Library visits

We will be visiting the library every Friday afternoon. Your child will be choosing a book to bring home each week to share with you. Write any reading, shared or independent, in the Reading Records. Please make sure that the library books come back to school every Friday so that we can swap the books.

Water bottles

We will send home the water bottles on a Friday to be washed- if you wish to take them home on a more frequent basis, then please inform your child to bring them home each night. They wash up wonderfully in the dishwasher. Please send them back to school every Monday full of nice, clean water (no squash!). New bottles/lids can be purchased from the school office. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE IN CLASS- just in case they do feel thirsty.

I hope you have found this letter useful. Additional letters will be sent home during the year to update you on new topics and class information. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to either write me a short note that I can respond to or contact the office to make an after-school appointment. I am sure that you understand that the last few minutes before school in the morning are very precious.

I hope your child has a fun and rewarding time in Year 2 this year. I look forward to challenging and helping your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Golding
Class 2 Teacher