



Cumberworth CE First School

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Team Taj Mahal – Class Newsletter Autumn 2

School improvement focus

Our focus this half term is:

- Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

English

In Reception we will be learning to write CVC words and captions.

In Year 1 we will be writing sentences that include capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, question marks and exclamation marks. We will also be learning how to use conjunctions to join sentences.

The books we will be exploring are *The Magic Bed* by John Burningham and *Little Red* by David Roberts.

Maths

This half term we will be covering:

Year 1 – Addition and Subtraction within 10 and shape.

Reception – Exploring 2D shapes, exploring the composition of 5 and comparing sets of objects.

Diary Dates

November:

10th - Deadline for payment for Emma Carlisle book (optional)

19th – Reception balanceability

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28th – Flu Immunisations

28th - Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas themed chocolate

December:

2nd – Year 1-5 Dance Festival at Shelley College

4th – Christmas Fair

5th – INSET day

10th – After school Christmas film night

12th – Christmas Day

15th – Christmas performance for grandparents (2-3pm)

16th Christmas performance for parents (2-3pm)

17th – Christmas performance for parents (2-3pm)

Attendance

Our class attendance this year to date is 98.11%

General Class Information

P.E. lessons will continue to be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, so please send your child to school dressed in their P.E kit on these days.

For **homework**, please continue to develop your child's love of reading through enjoying books together regularly and supporting them with their reader. Please fill in a comment in their reading record book so that we know that your child is coping well with the books sent home. There is also a **homework menu** that your child may wish to dip into over the course of the half term. Y1s will continue to receive a weekly spelling and maths activity to complete.

Please can you continue to ensure that your child brings a **coat suitable for our changeable weather and a water bottle to school each day** (as well as their reader and reading record). **Library books** need to be returned **every Thursday**.

Mrs Seage and Miss Threlfall can be contacted via Class Dojo if you have any questions and we look forward to another wonderful half term with Team Taj Mahal!

Topics this term: Once Upon a Time and Sparkle and Shine

In **Science** we will be learning about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. We will discuss living and non-living things and begin to explore food chains and adaptation.

In **Music**, we will be learning to listen to and match the pitch of a call and response song. We will also sing with a range of voices and improvise, compose and play simple percussion instruments.

In **RE** we will be looking at why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas time.

In **PSHE**, we will be celebrating difference and exploring the value of being unique.

In **Computing**, we will be creating digital paintings.

In **PE** the class will develop basic gymnastic skills through the topic of 'animals and their habitats'. They will explore creating shapes, balances, and jumps and perform basic skills on both floor and apparatus. In Dance, the class will develop their expressive movement through the topic of 'places'. They will explore travelling actions, shapes and balances.

Our Projects for this Half term:

Once upon a Time - This project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales.

Sparkle and Shine - This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the autumn and winter seasons and focuses on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you wish to contact the school office, please ring 01484 609818 or email office@cumberworthfirstschool.co.uk.

To keep up to date, visit our school website, download the Class Dojo app

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please see our safeguarding website page for information.