



Cumberworth CE First School

ENJOY, ENRICH, EXCEL



Team Colosseum – Class Newsletter

School improvement focus

Our focus this half term is:

- Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

English

We will begin by continuing our work using the driver text 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett as inspiration to create a leaflet about wolves. We will then move onto the driver text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will write our own 'found' tags for other animals which turn up in the classroom, re-tell the story in our own words and write a sequence of instructions for helping someone who is lost. Finally, we will write our own version of a 'lost and found' story.

Maths

This half term, we will be covering:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

Diary Dates

November:

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

11th – Team Colosseum visit to St. Nicholas Church (pm)

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)

18th – SEND drop in session 2

Attendance

Our class attendance this year to date is 97.65%

General Class Information

Our **P.E** days are **Wednesday and Thursday** so your child can come to school dressed in their P.E kit.

Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day.

Maths homework will be set on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Thursday**.

Spellings will also be set on a Friday. These will be linked to what the children will be learning in spelling/phonics sessions the following week.

Learn to Read books and **Love to Read** books will be sent home weekly. QR code links to 'Shared Reader' books for Year 1 and 'Routes to Reading' books for Year 2 (which we will be using in our reading lessons) will be sent home via dojo. Please fill in a comment in your child's reading record book so that we know that they are coping well with the books sent home. Your child needs to discuss the content of the book to help develop their comprehension skills and the breadth of their vocabulary.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record book in to school every day.

The **homework grid** provides suggestions of other tasks that you can choose to complete over the half term.

Topic this half term....

- 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 **History**, we will be continuing to learn about significant people and their impact.
- In **Geography**, we will be learning about hot and cold areas around the world, comparing Somalia with the UK. We will also discuss sustainability and looking after our planet.
- In **D.T**, we will be looking at where our food comes from, how it is prepared and how we can follow recipes. We will look at our school lunches and suggest new meal ideas.
- In **Art**, we will be learning about the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. We will learn about artists' use of colour and composition before creating our own still life arrangements and artwork.
- In **RE**, we are discussing the big question "What makes some places special to believers?" We will find out about the features of churches, mosques and synagogues and consider the similarities that all places of worship have and how they support their local communities in practical ways.
- In **Music**, we will begin by exploring five of the movements from Carnival of the animals by Camille Saint-Saëns, exploring how he used instruments, rhythm, articulation, tempo, and pitch to create pictures of the animals in our imaginations. We will then explore music inspired by birds, beginning by watching and listening to birds, and gathering inspiration for our own compositions. We will then learn how to make birdsong motifs and structure them into a piece.
- In **Computing**, we will take inspiration from a range of artists to create our own digital paintings using a range of creative tools.
- In **PSHE**, we will be celebrating differences between our classmates and recognising that everyone is unique.

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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.