



Welcome to Mandela's Class newsletter for Autumn 2.

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and I can't wait to see everyone back full of enthusiasm for the next half term.

Over the last half term, great strides were made by all children in terms of progress; academically and socially and emotionally. I am proud of them all.

As you can see from this newsletter, we have a lot of fantastic learning ahead of us this half term. We will also have an exciting opportunity on Thursday 5th December where we will showcase our classes learning with yourselves.

### **Maths**

In maths this half term, we will be focussing mostly on fractions. We will be ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, looking at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers, converting fractions, multiplying and dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts. Wow! What a lot of fractions! We will also be looking at converting measurements.

### **DT:**

This term, we are having a dedicated day for DT. We believe that giving a whole day for this subject will mean the children will have time to plan, create and improve their designs. This term, the children will become cooking connoisseurs by creating a three course meal, which I hope they would cook for you!

### **Science:**

Is it in the stars? Is it in the planets? Did the big bang happen? These are questions we will explore in or science lessons. Over the half term, the children will take on the role of being astronomers where they will explore all things relating to space and space travel! We aim to create our own solar system through project work over the half term.

### **Geography:**

As geologists, we will discover where energy comes from by delving into the many different types of sustainable energy. Once the children have a strong understanding of energy sources, they will then apply their learning to finding the best type of energy that could be used and placed within the school.



### **English:**

This half term, we are continuing to read 'When the Sky Falls' where we will write: balanced arguments, diary entries and a war poem.

Our SPaG sessions will include subordinate clauses, synonyms, antonyms, colons, semi-colons and dashes.

In addition to this, we will have daily comprehension, spelling, handwriting and reading fluency lessons. Our book continues to be 'Crater Lake', which the children have loved so far!

### **Computing:**

The history of computing! This half term we will delving into the development of computers throughout the years and taking a look at computers that changed the world. The children will also be finding out the direction in which the computing world is going by thinking about future computers. I can't wait to hear their ideas for developing technology!

### **PE:**

Our PE lessons this half term will become budding dancers, move over Louie Spence—Mandela class are the dancers of the future!

Swimming lessons will continue on a Wednesday, where they will be assessed against the swimming standards before Christmas.

### **PSHE & RE:**

In PSHE we are focussing on health and well-being, with an emphasis on taking responsibility for our own health.

RE will continue to focus on life's big questions and philosophy.

### **Music:**

Lights, Camera, Action! This half term, the children will become producers of music for their favourite films. During this unit, the children will appraise music before composing their own masterpiece where they will evoke an array of emotions to match their film's theme.

**Class messages:** We have had a super start in our first half term. Let's continue the momentum into the second half of the Autumn term; creating memories to cherish!

### **Important dates to remember:**

1. 5th - 14th November - Poppy Appeal
2. 15th November—Phunky Foods parent and pupil workshop
3. 29th November—5th December - Book Fair
4. 5th December - Mandela Showcase at 14:40.