

# Cool Conkers



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you and the children have had a lovely week off! Unfortunately, the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting colder. However, this is our favourite time of year – the run up to Christmas. This is going to be a jam packed half term, with lots of exciting events, and to finish off – our Christmas production! We hope the children are as excited and raring to go as we are.

## Spellings

It would be helpful if children could leave their spelling books in their book bags so they can use the words to complete various spelling activities in school. Although spelling tests are done weekly (fortnightly for year three and four), there are times when I am not in school; in this instance, spellings will be done the next day or the following Monday.

## Timetable

Monday – Forest School

Tuesday – Theme/Science

Wednesday – Theme/Science

Thursday – Spellings

Friday – Funky Friday/PE

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF – TERM!

6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – BETH DOBBINS

13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – PARENT MATHS SESSION

17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – CHILDREN IN NEED

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1PM – CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 3PM-6PM – CHRISTMAS FAIR

6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1PM – CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH

15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM  
AND 5.30PM

19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – PANTO (SCARBOROUGH)

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTIES

22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND  
BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## Homework

Please continue with the home learning packs throughout the year. Parents of year 4 children - your child will be given home learning packs during this half term. In addition to this, it would be beneficial to your child if you encouraged them to do the following each day (minimum five minutes per activity) read, practise spellings (in books). Each half term, children will also be given a themed homework task in preparation for the next topic. Additional English and Maths activities will be sent out if your child needs more practise.

## Friendly reminder.

Please Can you ensure that your child brings their water bottle into school each day? It would be helpful if Forest School clothing could be left in school for the duration of Forest Schools (Six weeks per term). As the weather is turning colder, children should have coats in school at all times.

## Reading

Children will read once a week (to an adult or an older child), take part in a guided reading session once a week, access Bug Club, partake in shared reading (in literacy and across the curriculum) and complete reading comprehension activities. Children should be reading to an adult for at least five minutes each day. **Please can you make sure you write in the reading record book so that we know where your child has got up to or if there is something they need to focus on?**

## English

This half term we will be reading 'The Magic and the Mummy' by Terry Deary. We will be writing a letter to the pharaoh explaining the process of mummification. We will also be writing prayer poems, which were entwined into the bandages of mummies during Egyptian times.

## Science

Our topic for Science this half term is animals, including humans. Children will learn about healthy eating, what types of food they should be eating in order to gain the most nutritional value and how the digestive system works.

## ICT

Children will continue to learn how to create algorithms and explain how they work using logical reasoning. They will be using precise instructions to make programmes and to detect and correct errors. As always, children will access iPads for educational purposes and will be reminded of e-safety.



Who were the Egyptians?

## Forest School

Forest School will start this half term and will be on Monday mornings for six weeks. The children will be learning how to safely use tools and light fires. We will be sharing lots of stories around the fire and eating toasted marshmallows.

## Mathematics

We will kick start this half term with multiplication – paying particular attention to recalling facts from the times tables relevant to your Child's year group:

Y2 – X2, X5, X10

Y3 – X3, X4, X8

Y4 – all remaining tables up to 12X12

**Please help your child practise these at home. At the end of year 4, children should be able to instantly recall facts for ALL the times tables.**

## Themed Curriculum

This half term, children are learning about The Egyptians. We will be learning about mummification and how Egyptians lived. The children will also be creating their own mummies, making pyramids and Egyptian coffins.