

Class 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2023

Welcome back! I can't believe how quickly our first half term zoomed by! I hope you all had a fabulous half term break. I've already heard about lots of adventures!

Talking of adventures, this half term our topic is '**Explorers**' with a focus on the question '**Where can an adventure take you?**'

We have already come together and asked the children what they already know about explorers and what they would like to know! The questions they came up with were phenomenal, and it's so lovely to see how inquisitive the children are about the world around them. We will do our very best to answer them all! Over the coming weeks we will be learning about adventures locally, many places around the world and even space! We will be learning about famous explorers and missions. As we approach Christmas, we will be talking more about the journey that Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem.

It's going to be a busy half term with the build up to Christmas, but I can't wait to get started!

A few reminders:

Book Bags: Please encourage your child to bring their book bags daily. We will try to pop any letters in them, so please try to check them regularly too. We do try to check them, but if you could help with this that would be fab. It's best to hand any money/ slips over to an adult at the door in a morning incase they get lost.

Outdoor Learning: We had a great first half term with our Outdoor learning Teacher. This will continue this half term.

Thank you so much to parent helpers for enabling us visit many local places last half term. We plan to try, where possible (weather and very busy xmas schedule dependent) to try and continue this on a Friday morning going forward.

I usually post on Dojo to ask for parent helpers, so if you could spare a few hours, please let me know.

We will go outdoors in all weathers and so ask that you please send your child in wearing/ or with appropriate warm/ waterproof clothing. Wellies will be a must this half term. Please remember a spare pair of shoes for your child to change into.

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email me: a.farnsworth@southwellholytrinity.org.uk or message me on Dojo.

Miss Farnsworth

English

This half term our English learning will focus on the retelling of the familiar story 'We are going on a bear hunt'. We will act out the story as well as create our own story map.

As part of our Global Neighbours learning, we will be learning about Uganda and reading 'Handa's surprise'.

As part of our space learning we will be reading the stories 'Mae amongst the stars' and 'Whatever next'. We will be making lists of items to taken on an adventure.

We will finish the half term with a journey to Bethlehem and will read the Nativity Story.

Maths

We will be following White Rose and will begin the phase "It's me 1,2,3"

The phase will cover representations of 1,2 and 3, finding one more/less than numbers, before moving onto shape and positional language.



Phonics

We will continue learning our set one sounds. This half term we will be focusing on segmenting and blending CVC words for reading and writing.



Understand the World

We will begin the half term with a week of remembrance. We will learn about Guy Fawkes and recap some firework safety rules.

We will talk about the importance of remembering those who fought for our country, creating poppy art and observing a silence.

We will then move onto the festival of light, learning all about Diwali.

We are excited to learn about lots of famous explorers and missions!

We will be learning about explorers Tim Peake and Mae Emerson.



RE

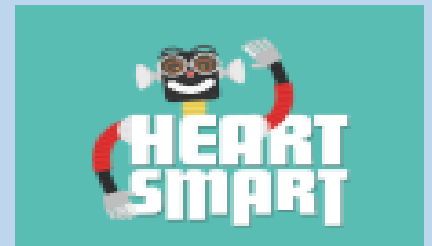


It will be a busy half term in RE, as Christmas approaches! We will learn why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas.



We will of course be preparing for our own Nativity, plus lots of other Christmas events.

We will also learn about what makes each of us as individuals special and unique.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our HeartSmart sessions this half term have a similar theme to our RE. We will be talking about how special we are as individuals and the importance of filling each other's hearts with kindness as well as celebrating our talents.

<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p>  <p>On a Monday children will be doing PE in the church with Miss Farnsworth. She will be teaching gymnastics. This half term our focus will be using apparatus with care. On a Thursday the children have a coach who will be doing multi-skills games and activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p>  <p>This half term in during our music sessions, we will be following the Sonic Explorers: BBC Teach unit of learning. We will of course be learning lots of new nativity songs along the way too.</p> <p>As part of World Nursery Rhyme week, we will be singing a variety of different rhymes, including traditional rhymes that grown ups may remember from their childhood.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any favourites.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>This half term naturally lends itself to some gorgeous art and design opportunities. At the beginning of term we will create firework and poppy art, as well as rangoli patterns for Diwali.</p> <p>We will also be creating some Ugandan style jewelry.</p> <p>During our space learning we will experiment with different paint effects to create some cosmic art.</p> <p>We will be designing and creating different things on Christmas Craft Day where the children will have to assemble, join and combine different materials.</p>
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Show and Tell

You will already received the show and tell timetable for the half term. I will also put a copy in the classroom window.

Children may bring in **one or two** items/toys from home to show to the rest of the class and talk about them. Items linked to our learning would be great but if it is something that is not, that is also fine! We want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the group and to develop their speaking and listening skills.

We would like to encourage the children to have one of their items as a photograph as this provides a wealthy of talking opportunities and questions.

Sticky Knowledge

Sticky knowledge is effectively knowledge that will stay with us forever. In other words, an alteration has happened to our long term memory.

Our sticky knowledge for this half term-

I know why Bonfire Night is celebrated.

I know that Uganda is in Africa.

I know how to keep safe at a firework display/Party.

I know the difference between the UK and Uganda.

I know who we Remember on Remembrance Day

I know that we are supporting a school to access clean water.

I know what to do if I am being bullied.

I know the name of some explorers.

I know that Diwali is the Hindu Celebration of Light.

Tim Peake was the first British Astronaut to visit space.

I know some local landmarks.

I know that a person who travels to space is called an astronaut.

I know that our planet is called Earth.

Mae Jemison the First African American Woman to travel to space.

I know the names of some other planets.

I know the names of significant people in the Nativity Story.

I know how Christians celebrate Christmas.

