Hoddlesden St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Year 2

Autumn 1 Newsletter

As God's family, together we achieve

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Tolerance.**

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Generosity.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 2 Children,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you have had a superb summer making lots of happy memories with your friends and family. I am excited to begin our Year 2 journey together and hope you are too.

We will begin the year with our **Native Narrative**s topic, this time focusing on the Year 2 objectives and skills in order to broaden and deepen the children's knowledge of the continent of Africa. Our **English** learning will centre around the text The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson which is about African animals. In **Geography**, we will be looking at the weather and seasons. We will focus on the local area and the UK, making comparisons with the weather in parts of Africa. In **Art & Design**, we will be using different types of paints and colour mixing to create aboriginal animal art. We will learn about the food groups in **Design & Technology** and understand what makes a balanced diet, leading to us designing and making a healthy wrap using some African fruit and vegetables. Our **Science** learning will focus on living things and their habitats, identifying and naming a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. In our **R.E.** lessons, we will be learning about the Bible and why it is a special book for Christians.

I will be updating the school website each week to keep you up-to-date with our learning and to show you what the children have been getting up to!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or Seesaw

Kind regards,

Mr Marlor and Mrs Walsh

Reminders

- Please read at home with your child as much as possible**. At least 3 times per week.** Please indicate this in their reading record. We will change this at least once a week.
- Reading books should be brought into school **daily**.
- Children will visit the library and bring home a **library book** to read for pleasure weekly.
- Please check **Seesaw** for general updates and reminders frequently.
- Children will receive **phonics home learning** each week.
- A separate **home learning grid** will be sent to complete together. Please upload this to Seesaw.

PE Days

This half term, the Year 2 P.E. lessons are on **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Please ensure children come to school in their sports uniform on these days.

Key Dates

Thu 11th Sept - Life Education Visit
Mon 15th Sept – Meet the Teacher (3.30 – 5.30)
Fri 26th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning
Mon 29th Sept – Inclusive Dance Workshop
Thu 2nd Oct – Spirituality Afternoon
Mon 6th Oct – Y2 OAL
Fri 10th Oct – Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day
Mon 13th Oct – Road Safety Talk
W/C 20th Oct – Behaviour Treat
Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd October – Parent's Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Bingo donations
Thurs 23rd Oct – School closes for half term

Texts to support your child's learning this half term

African Animals (Little Scientists)- Martha E H Rustard

Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go- Patricia Hegarty

Focus Author – Julia Donaldson

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