



# LKS2 Parent Newsletter



## KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

In History this half term we will be learning about the Tudors. We will find out about The Battle of Bosworth and the different Tudor monarchs. We will focus our learning on Henry VIII and his impacts on the country.

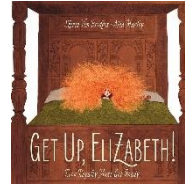
In Science, we are continuing our learning about the three states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. The children will be learning about how temperature can cause a change in the state of matter.

In DT we will be creating and using nets. We will each create and decorate our own Christmas gift boxes.

We have enjoyed beginning to learn Spanish this half term! We have already learnt how to greet others, ask how they are and find out their name and age. We will now be learning about the days of the week and the seasons.

## WRITING

At the beginning of this half term we will be writing a diary, 'Get Up, Elizabeth'. This is linked to our history learning about



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We will then be writing a narrative based on the video 'Frostbite'. You can watch the clip here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJo0e1YmjRM>

Finally, we will be writing an instructional piece which will explain the concept of Christmas to an alien!

## MATHS

In both Year 3 and 4 the main focus for this half term is multiplication and division. Children will begin by learning the appropriate times table facts and associated division sentences for their year group. They will then learn written methods for calculating more challenging multiplication and division problems.

Children will be continuing to use TT Rockstars regularly to embed this knowledge. They can access this at home on the TT Rockstars website:

<https://trockstars.com/>

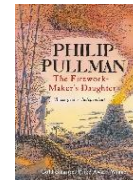
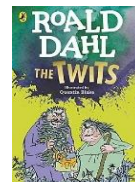
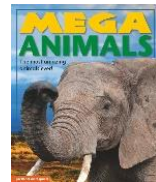
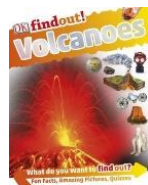
## WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

One of the best ways to support your child at home is to listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading records. Discuss the characters and main events in the story to check their understanding of what they have read. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.

Encourage your child to use TT Rockstars to practise their times tables.

Help your child to learn their weekly spellings and to complete their homework. These will be given out every Friday. Homework will be due the following Friday. Children will also be given a school reading book each Friday. These must be returned to school once read so children can get a new book.

## OUR READING TEXTS



In guided reading this half term, each class is reading a different text. We will begin to read some non-fiction texts once we have finished the stories we began last half term.

The children will be learning to read fluently and with expression. They will focus on answering different style retrieval questions and using what they have read to make inferences about characters feelings.

Each class is also reading different books as our class novels. These are stories that are read aloud to the children for the children to enjoy.

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES

All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where we will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Mrs Mason, Miss Bartle and Mrs Stringwell are all around at this time.

- Monday 6th November - Back to school
- Monday 13th & Thursday 16th November - Parents evening
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 21st December - KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 09:15 am and 2:00pm
- Friday 22nd December - Christmas Party Day
- Thursday 21st December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 22nd December - Break up for Holidays

