

**Through our christian values – friendship, compassion and trust –
we encourage, build and hope together, no one left behind**



6th November 2017

Dear parents and carers,

And so we begin the busy run up to Christmas. We have lots of exciting things going on so please look for these on school newsletters which come out weekly on a Monday. If you are not receiving them please let the school office know.

The Christian value this half term is truthfulness.

Topic

The topic in Year 2/3 this half term is Remembering. Throughout this topic the children are going to do lots of work around World War 1, looking at what it was like for children, animals and women in the war, looking at the life of someone in the war and exploring why we celebrate Remembrance day. In English, we will explore traditional tales, letters and classic poems. In maths we will be focussing heavily on multiplication and division, as well as recapping and developing some of the skills we learnt last time with place value, addition and subtraction. In science we will be learning about plants, looking at everything from the parts of plants to planting some seeds of our own and exploring their growth. Our PE topic is dance, and in RE we will look at “Remembering” in detail, both in relation to our topic and the world around us.

Homework and spellings

Homework will be given out on a Monday to be returned the following Monday. The topic of the homework will alternate between maths and English each week. Age appropriate spellings will be given out alongside homework on a Monday, with a spelling test taking place in class the following Monday. I will send home scores from each weekly test with the next set of spellings.

PE

We will be having two PE slots during this half term. The first will be taught by me, which will be on a Tuesday. The second of the slots will be taught by the coaches from Tigers Trust where the children will develop their football skills. This will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school all week, including socks if your child has worn tights. We will not be having a Forest schools session this half term.

Reading

Your child will receive a reading book and a reading record from school. If you hear your child read at home, please sign this in the record as these signatures will count towards the in class ‘Reading Race’. Every time a child reaches five signatures, they will add to their name on the ‘Reading Race’. The winning child will receive a prize at the end of the term. The children will be a lot more responsible for the books they bring home this year, and whilst the changing of books will be supported by an adult, the children will



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be choosing books to take home as opposed to just working through a scheme. Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday – there will be a designated area in the classroom to put these on those days.

If you have any questions or queries at all please don't hesitate to make an appointment to come and see me or phone the school. Thank you.

Mr Marshall

Year 2/3

Dates for the diary

Monday 6th November – anti bullying week

Monday 13th November – multi faith week

Friday 17th November school closed for training day

Wednesday 22nd November book fair in school

Friday 24th November parents assembly 2.30pm

Monday 27th November parents meeting 5pm regarding reading and expectations

Monday 4th and 5th December FOSSA secret shop – information to follow

Monday 4th December Christingle in church at 5.15pm followed by Sproatley light switch on

Thursday 14th December – whole school theatre trip

Friday 15th December community Christmas plays time tbc

Friday 15th December year 4 5 6 christmas play 2pm

Monday 18th December EYFS and Year 1 2 3 christmas play 2pm

Tuesday 19th December year 4 5 6 christmas play 2pm

Wednesday 20th December EYFS and Year 1 2 3 christmas play 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December year 4 5 6 christmas parties

Thursday 21st December EYFS year 1 2 3 christmas parties

Friday 22nd December coffee and carols 2pm school closes

Children return to school Monday 8th January 2018