Year 2 Autumn Term Horton Grange Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you all have a lovely half-term!
This half term we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Please continue to make sure your child comes to school on time, in full school uniform, with their book bag and a warm, waterproof coat. Thank you for your continued support with this.

English
In English children will be starting a unit of work based on the Horrid Henry stories. Within this unit we will be creating a character description with a focus on using adjectives and conjunctions. We will also be writing a retell of the story "Horrid Henry and the Christmas Cake" where the children will be thinking of their own alternative story ending. We will be continuing to focus on using capital letters, full stops and also the use of the past tense within our sentences. In guided reading, we will be improving the children's inference skills by answering questions, and by sequencing key events of stories.

PSHE
This half term, we will be looking at Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing. The children will learn about different emotions, how we can control our emotions and different strategies to help us.

RE
In Religious Education this half-term, we will be learning about how different religions view our wonderful world. This will include finding out about what different people say and think about different world topics.

Science
In Science, we will be making links to human survival whilst discussing animals and their habitats. We will also consider some similarities and differences to humans.

Music
This half term, we will be listening to and describing different pieces of music. We will also be identifying the different instruments used in different musical pieces.

Art/DT
In DT, our topic will be 'Remarkable Recipes'. We will be learning how to make healthy food and make some delicious soup!



Reminders and dates

Children should be reading their fluency reading book every day. Children receive raving reader points every time you sign to say you have read with your child at home. These books will be changed every Wednesday.

Please remember that children need to bring their reading books every day as we will be using them in school during our reading sessions.

Spellings will be given out for the following week each Friday and children will be tested on a Wednesday.

Maths
This half term, the children will concentrate on using and applying their mathematical knowledge to help them to add and subtract. This will include missing number problems and using the inverse operations. The children will then complete some work on shape looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and making comparisons between these.

Computing
In Computing this half-term, we will look at how technology is used in a variety of ways for digital photography. We will also continue to discuss online safety and how to be safe when using any form of technology.

PE
This half term in PE we will be focusing on hockey. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit every week. PE will be on a Thursday only. Children will need to wear a white t-shirt, a school hoodie or jumper, shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. Horton Grange hoodies are only to be worn on PE days.

Geography/ History
Our Curriculum topic this half term is 'Let's explore the world'. The focus of this will be Geography and the children will learn about the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. The children will be describing and comparing different parts of the world.