

Stow Heath Primary School—Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Reading

This term our reading focus will be:

- A range of recounts and holiday postcards.
- A range of stories in familiar settings.
- Information texts about castles
- A range of poems
- A range of diary entries.

Pupils will have a daily story time whilst in school and will have opportunity to read for pleasure.



Writing

This term our writing focus will be:

- Non-Fiction—Postcards
- Stories in a familiar setting— Dogger
- Information Text— Castles
- Humorous Poem— Freaky Week
- Diary entry— The Snowman



Numeracy

This term our numeracy focus will be:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape



Reminders:

PE day is Wednesday. PE kit is a white T-shirt, black shorts/joggers, the school cardigan or jumper and trainers. Children are to wear full PE kit on these days. If children arrive with incorrect kit, they will be provided with a school kit.

Reading books will be changed every Monday.

Homework will be given on a Monday and will be checked the following Monday.

Spelling test will be on a Friday.

How to help your child with their **reading** at home:

Read their given home reading book daily to improve fluency and understanding.

Discuss the text your child has read and use the questions in the back of the book to check understanding.

Help children with reading at home – follow this [link](#)

How to help your child with their **writing** at home:

Practise spellings for the week

Practise letter formation to improve handwriting.

Practise using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in simple sentences.

Help children with writing at home – follow this [link](#)

How to help your child with their **maths** at home:

Recall number bonds to 10 and 20.

Use TT Rockstars to practise 2x 5x 10x 3x tables.

Count to 100 forwards and backwards.

Practise writing numbers as words.

Help children with maths at home – follow this [link](#)

Key dates:

INSET DAYS– Monday 6th November.

Friday 22nd December.

Science 1

Pupils will learn about animals including humans, focusing on keeping our bodies healthy and the importance of exercise.



RE

Pupils will focus on Religious stories and The Meaning of Christmas.



Music

Pupils will learn about South African and Rap music. They will sing and play instruments.



PE

Pupils will focus on fundamentals, team building, dance and ball skills.



Our Topic this term is:

All About Me & Through the Key-

Geography

Pupils will develop geographical knowledge and skills related to identifying landmarks and features of Wolverhampton City Centre.



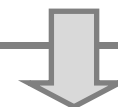
Art

Pupils will explore a range of portraits and sketch their own by exploring tone..



History

Pupils will develop their knowledge of castles and learn about the importance of these historical buildings and their features.



DT

Pupils will design, construct and evaluate a 3D castle model.



Science 2

Pupils will learn about a range of materials including their properties and suitability.



PSHE

Pupils will focus on the themes Being In My World and Celebrating Difference.



ICT

Pupils will learn about coding, online safety and spreadsheets.



Literacy

Create a postcard about a place you have visited.

Watch the read aloud of 'Dogger' on YouTube.

RE

Research the Jewish religion. What is important to people who follow this religion? What facts can you find out?

Music

Listen to some South African music and think about the key musical instruments.

Art

Find the difference between a portrait and a self-portrait.

Have a go at drawing your own self portrait.

Geography

Mind map what you already know about Wolverhampton

Create your own map of Wolverhampton.

Have a look at Wolverhampton on Google Earth.

DT

Identify the different parts of a castle and draw a plan.

Draw your dream castle.

Research different ways to join pieces of cardboard together to make your structure sturdy.

History

Ready for our trip to Warwick castle, find 10 interesting facts.

Draw a castle and label the different parts.

PE

Choose a physical activity and set yourself a challenge.

E.g. Do 5 running laps of the park, 3 times a week.

Ride your bike for 10 minutes 4 times a week.

Maths

Practise your counting within 100.

Practise writing your numbers in words.

Have a go at partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

PSHE

Have a think about your hopes and fears for the upcoming school year. Make a poster about how you are feeling.

ICT

Practise your coding skills on purple mash.

Science

Create your own healthy food plate containing all the different food groups.

Create a poster about good hygiene.

Create an exercise tracker to see what you do throughout the day.

Homework Activities for Autumn 1

Choose at least one activity to do each week.

Bring it in to school so we can celebrate your learning whilst at home.