

# Year 4 Autumn 2 newsletter



**Welcome to a new half term!!** Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you for working with us over this year so far. There have been lots of changes to get used to but your children have been amazing and have come back with a smile on their face and a spring in their step ready and raring to go. They make every day a delight.

A reminder of my school email address [missauty@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:missauty@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk) If you ever have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to send me an email. I will look at my emails when I first arrive at school in the morning and once I have dismissed the children at home time. If your message is urgent or has an immediate impact on your child's day e.g. someone else is collecting them at the end of the day, they've hurt their leg so can't do PE or something that I really need to know for that day, please speak to me briefly, maintaining social distancing at drop off time. Parents' evening will take place this half term so we will have the opportunity to discuss your child in more detail than too.

## **SNACK.**



As mentioned in Mrs Jones' newsletter, children are permitted to bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break. This could be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, yoghurt tube or healthy snack bar. Your child also needs a water bottle in school. This should be filled (**with water, not juice**) at home then taken home each night, washed and re-filled for the following morning.



## **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Our outdoor learning session is on Monday. Unless the weather is dangerous, we will go out! Your child **must** have a change of footwear for this lesson. They may also bring over trousers or a 'throw over' type 'cag-in-a-bag' if it's particularly wet. Hats, scarves and gloves may become necessary as the weather changes too.



**PE** Friday is our PE day. Your child should wear their PE kit to come to school. This half term, we're studying gymnastics and will be working inside. PE kit is either plain black shorts or skorts and a plain white T-shirt, a plain black tracksuit or black leggings and a plain sweatshirt. Trainers may be also be worn on PE day. Please have a look at our new school hoodies for PE. These are black and have our school logo on them.



## **CURRICULUM**

This half term, your child will continue to be taught a broad curriculum. They will study Maths and English daily and will also be taught Science, History, Geography, Spanish, Music, RE, Art, DT and PSHE throughout the week and half term. Our Maths themes this half term are 'Length and Perimeter' followed by 'Multiplication and Division.' In English, we will start a new 6 week unit based around a visual text. The children will study 'electricity' in their Science lessons. Our main theme heading for this half term is 'Christmas Love.' Our visual text for English links with this. I'm not going to disclose what this is just yet as we're doing lots of prediction work this week. Once your child knows, they will be able to share this with you and you can watch it and discuss it further at home if you wish.

## DIVERSITY WEEK

We had a super Diversity Week last week. The children showed maturity and empathetic understanding towards each other's differences. We celebrated our own uniqueness with a book called 'Incredible You.' We also used a book called 'Words and your heart' to help us talk about how powerful our words are and how important it is to use them carefully. In History, we studied Louis Braille and learnt about blind people. We also learnt about Autism using a book called 'Looking after Louis' and a super video clip called 'Amazing things happen' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>



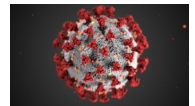
## HOMEWORK

There is nothing new happening this half term regarding homework. As reminders, your child needs to be completing at least one piece of homework each week. This can be from the sheet attached here or another idea of their own. I'm happy to receive homework by email if your child creates a PowerPoint or large piece of work which you photograph. In addition to this, they need to be working on their spellings each day, reading regularly and working on their times tables. TTRock stars is one of the best tools to support with practise of these number facts. Awards are given each week for the most improved class member. I'm not advocating hours on an ipad but a little and often approach will really help your child learn their times table facts and TTRock stars supports them with their stamina and speed. Homework is due in each Friday. Spelling and Times Table tests take place on Friday too.



## COVID.

Please continue to be aware of and alert to the symptoms of coronavirus and take the necessary steps if your child or yourself develop symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive. Please continue to socially distance at drop off and pick up time. Thank you so much for your support with this so far and for keeping yourselves and each other safe. We will get through this together.



## KEY DATES

13th Nov - Children in Need. Wear pyjamas or Pudsey bear merchandise. We will still be doing PE on this day.

Week beginning 16th Nov - Assessment week.

Week beginning 30th Nov - Parents' evenings. More details to follow.

14th December - flu immunisations for those who have requested this.

15th December - Christmas dinner day.

18th December - Christmas jumper day and parties.

**Ingleborough Hall.** We do have a booking for June. At the moment, this is obviously very much dependant on how the current situation with COVID develops over the year. With this in mind, we are not going to start collecting any money from you at this stage. If the visit goes ahead, it will be somewhere in the region of £140. We will keep you informed as soon as we know any more. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Keep your fingers crossed!!

