

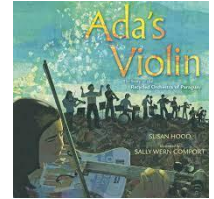


Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is always a very busy and exciting time of year. We will be continuing our learning on the topic '[Great People who Changed the World](#)'. Please read this letter to find out more about what we will be teaching in each subject area during this half-term. Our website also has more detailed information of how each of these subjects are taught progressively (click on the 'curriculum' tab).

### **English**

We will continue to learn elements of English through our Read, Write Inc. scheme. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to make careful spelling choices. They will be developing their reading comprehension by answering questions about the text. We will be using the text 'Ada's Violin' in our separate English lessons. This is an inspirational text based on a true story. It exposes children to a different way of life as it is about a child who lives in the slums of Paraguay. We will be learning how to write a description, using expanded noun phrases and exclamations. We will also be linking what we find out in the text to our Geography lessons; comparing a slum to our own town, Bingham.



### **Maths**

In Maths we will be focusing on developing different strategies when adding and subtracting including using our knowledge of tens and ones (place value) as well as using number bonds and number facts. We will be learning how to 'exchange' when subtracting across ten. We will learn to name, recognise and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, ensuring that we are using the correct vocabulary to describe and classify.

### **History**

Through our history lessons we will be continuing to learn about a number of significant people and how they have made an impact on society. These include Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, Charles Macintosh and William Booth. The children have really enjoyed our History lessons so far and we are impressed with the homework the children did over the half-term of recalling some facts about the people we have learnt about already; Karl Benz, Ludwig Guttman and Nelson Mandela. We will continue to use sources (fact pages, non-fiction books, videos and the Internet) to research and learn facts to help us understand the significance of each person and place them on our class timeline.

### **Art**

In Art we will be looking at the famous artwork of 'George Seurat' who created the technique of 'pointillism'. Children will learn how to use 'stippling' (dots) to create an image of a poppy to link with us reflecting on Remembrance Day.



### **Design and Technology**

For our Design and Technology project we will be learning how a spring mechanism works. We will use this knowledge to create our very own spring mechanism in our Christmas cards.



## R.E

Our R.E focus will be on the key question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world? We will be focusing on different aspects of the Christmas story to deepen our knowledge. We will particular think about the role of the 'Angels' in the Christmas story.



## Science

We are looking forward to carrying out a science investigation to find out which materials are waterproof. We are going to use what we already know about materials, their properties and the suitability of materials, to help us with this investigation. We will be inspired to do this from what we learn about the significant figure, Charles Macintosh (the inventor of the waterproof coat!).

## Computing

In computing we will be learning how to use the programme 'Microsoft Word to create a word document. We will be learning to save and retrieve our work, develop our typing skills using different keys and change the way our font looks. We will learn how to insert an image from Clipart/online image portal. We are going to use all our taught skills to create a fact page about a significant person we have learnt about in history; what a great way to link our learning across the curriculum! We will also continue to learn about Internet safety and the importance of keeping ourselves safe online.



## Geography

In geography we will be learning about human and physical features in our local environment. We will also be comparing and contrasting our local area with an area in a different country (Paraguay – linking to our text in English 'Ada's Violin').

## PE

Our PE topic this half-term is uni-hoc. Children will learn to pass, dribble and shoot using hockey sticks. We had to swap this so last half-term they learnt Drumba (combination of movements and drumming). With our coach, Mr Bourne, children will be dancing; learning to sequence and remember movements and perform to each other.

## Music

In our music lessons we will be identifying and classifying instruments into their 'families': string, woodwind, brass and percussion. We will learn how each instrument is played (e.g. strike, blow, pluck and shake). We will also spend time listening to instrumentation and associate some of the sounds we hear with particular instruments.

## Homework Reminder

Homework is a vital way in which children can practise key knowledge and skills that they have learnt in school. Please can you support your child to read **at least three times a week** and engage with any homework they receive. All we ask is that you initial the record sheet at the front of the homework book. If your child struggles with any home learning task, please just make a note of this in the book so that we can support your child as necessary.

Homework Record Sheet - Autumn Term							
Please fill in by 10:00 AM on the day of the next lesson.							
If you need to write a comment with the teacher, please use the space below.							
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## Attendance:

Sycamore	96.04%
Oak	94.36%

## Key dates

Key dates for your diary	
When	What
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Children return to school</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>No forest School</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November <b>4.30pm - 6.00pm</b>	Open Evening for Reception in Sept 2024
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali Celebration in school
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Elections
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need <i>Further information to follow</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November <b>5pm – 6.30pm</b>	Bingham Christmas lights turn on <i>Further information to follow</i>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>2pm – 3pm</b>	Topic show and tell ( <b>all classes</b> ) <i>Further information to follow</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances <b>Reception</b> 9.30am - 10.30am <b>Year 1</b> 1.45pm - 2.45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December <b>5pm – 6pm</b>	Open Evening for Reception 2024
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Library Visit – <b>Reception (afternoon 1:30-2:15)</b> <i>If you can help with this visit, please see your child's class teacher.</i>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Library Visit – <b>Sycamore (afternoon 1:30-2:15)</b> <i>If you can help with this visit, please see your child's class teacher.</i>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Party - <b>Reception</b> <i>Further information to follow</i>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Party – <b>Year 1</b> <i>Further information to follow</i>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Library Visits <b>Cedar (morning 9:30-10:15)</b> <b>Oak (morning 10:45-11:30)</b> <b>Beech (afternoon 1:30-2:15)</b> <i>If you can help with this visit, please see your child's class teacher.</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Party – <b>Year 2</b> <i>Further information to follow</i>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>9.05am – 9.45am</b>	Golden Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>2pm – 3pm</b>	Carols in the Playground
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December <b>7:30am-6pm All Day Session</b> <b>7:30am-12:30pm Morning Session</b> <b>12:30pm-6pm Afternoon Session</b>	Robert Miles Holiday Club <b>£25 All Day</b> <b>£14 Morning Session</b> <b>£14 Afternoon Session</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December <b>7:30am-6pm All Day Session</b> <b>7:30am-12:30pm Morning Session</b> <b>12:30pm-6pm Afternoon Session</b>	Robert Miles Holiday Club <b>£25 All Day</b> <b>£14 Morning Session</b> <b>£14 Afternoon Session</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school</b>	

**We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the children's learning and events we have in school. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and encourage them to complete their homework.**

Kind regards,  
The Year 2 Team  
Mrs Pilborough and Miss Holt