

## Autumn 2

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th November - **Armistice Day**  
Monday 14th - 18th November - **Anti-bullying Week (Wear Odd Socks on Monday!)**  
Friday 25th November - **PTA World Cup Shoot Out**

Saturday 3rd December - **Winter Fair**

Friday 9th December - **PTA Santa Dash**

Tuesday 13th December - **KS1 Winter Show (2pm)**

Wednesday 14th December- **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 16th December - **Last day of term**

### SPRING TERM

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Children return to school

What wonderful progress our students have already made in only half a term. We now look forward to all the exciting new challenges and events that we have in stall as the winter season greets us.

### NEW TOPIC

This terms topic is all about Pioneers and History Makers. Children will be learning about what it takes to be a pioneer, and what it takes to cause a history maker to be remembered. How did they affect the lives of the people around them?

### MINDFULNESS

We will continue to provide daily opportunities for mindfulness. Our main purpose for this is to help our children understand what mindful, calm thoughts are and how to access them.

### VOCABULARY

This year, we are explicitly teaching the children new words every week. These may be linked to our topic, or may be words we can use in stories or everyday conversations.

**PE DAYS:** 2F: Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) 2K: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for these days: white polo shirt, black/navy blue jogging bottoms, and trainers. **Please send the children to school in their PE kit on these days.**

### ENGLISH

Our English learning this term will be focused on adventure writing in conjunction with our new topic. We will discover the wonders and hardships of Ernest Shackleton's exploration of the Antarctic, and will use this stimulus to help us consolidate and build upon all the skills we have developed throughout Autumn 1, including our use of figurative language and explorations of character perspectives.

### SPELLING

Spellings will be sent home every **Friday**. The children will receive spellings based on the sounds and common exception words they have been focusing on in their phonics learning.

### MATHS

Our maths learning will be focussed on calculations within 20, including addition, subtraction and comparing numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

Maths home learning will be set every **Friday** by the class teacher and returned the following **Wednesday**, as well as a challenge set on Sumdog if they want to give it a go. Children will also have access to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots, which they can use to practice their times tables and number bonds.

### SCIENCE

Changing Shape: Throughout this unit, we will be exploring how objects can be manipulated by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching them. Furthermore, we will be investigating how and why materials are often selected for their purposes.

**Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to read with children during the school day. If you feel you can offer some of your time during the week (even just half an hour would be great) then please contact Hania Ryans: [hryans@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:hryans@fairlawnschool.net)

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**Thank you for your continued support!**

THE YEAR 2 TEAM