

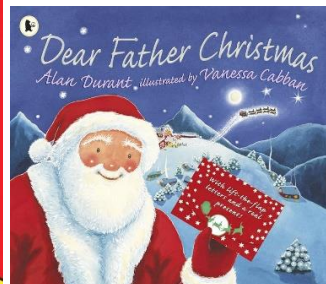
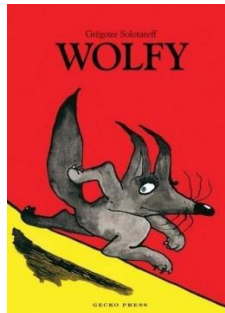
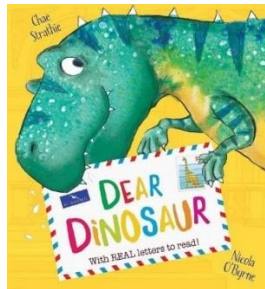
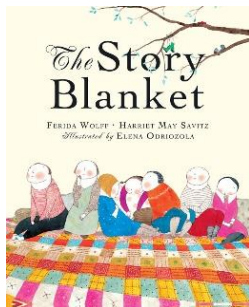
Fountains Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and we hope everyone has had a restful half term break. The lead up to Christmas now begins!

Class Routines.

- Mondays is Forest Schools-children will need kit and wellies.
- Tuesdays is our Sports Coach day so please have PE kits in school that day. Children will be doing **OUTDOOR PE** with Mr Shimwell.
- Children will also need their PE kit in school on Fridays for **dance** inside.
- **English** - this term, the children will use the following texts:



The Story Blanket by F.Wolff and H.May Savitz, and *Wolfy* by G.Solotareff. These books explore traditional tales and fables.

In addition they will read *Dear Dinosaur* by C.Strathie and N.O'Byrne, *Dear Postman* and *Dear Father Christmas* by A.Durrant and illustrated by V.Cabban. These books will focus on letters and postcards.

Year 1 will continue daily phonics and sentence writing focusing on new digraphs etc. Now the children are becoming more independent with their writing, we want them to remember correct letter formation.

Year 2 have begun the new 'Bridge to Spelling scheme as part of Little Wandle with a focus on tricky digraphs and trigraphs such as 'gue' or mb etc.

In reading all children will continue with the Little Wandle Phonetically decodable Reading Scheme as well as take an additional book alongside.

In Science we are studying seasonal patterns and change, including studying the weather, and how the length of the days vary according to each season.

Our PSHE theme is 'Celebrating Difference' This will include work on; similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it, making new friends, celebrating the differences in everyone.



Our Topic theme this term continues with 'Past and Present' but this term we will investigate how schools have changed over time. We will also look at Christmas in the past and how we have various traditions.

In **Computing** our learning is based around 'Technology outside school' and 'Lego Builders'.

In **RE** we will examine the question - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Homework

This term, the **year 2** children will bring home a weekly CGP English reading comprehension. They will have all week to complete it. This is in addition to weekly spellings which will continue to be given out each Friday, ready for a test the following Friday. Again all children will continue to take home their Little Wandle reading books. This will be on a Thursday, so children can read over the weekend and return on a Monday.

Year 1 children will have their weekly spellings as usual.

Notes

We will continue to keep you up to date with messages etc on class Dojo. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes from Mrs Jackson and the Fountains Team!