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## New Faces. Fresh Energy - Let the Half Term Begin!

As we step into this half term, there's a real sense of excitement in the air. Across the school, children and staff are gearing up for a wide range of engaging activities, and this newsletter will give you a sneak peek into some of the wonderful things coming up.

We're also thrilled to welcome two new members to our team: Mr Richard Corley our new Site Manager, and Mrs Nichola Pimperton, who joins us as our new Office Administrator. Please do give them a warm St Michael's welcome as they settle in.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this half term one to remember!

Mrs Berry

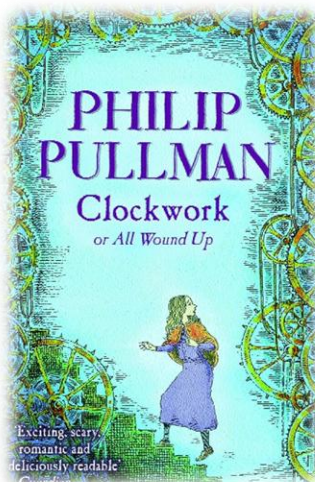
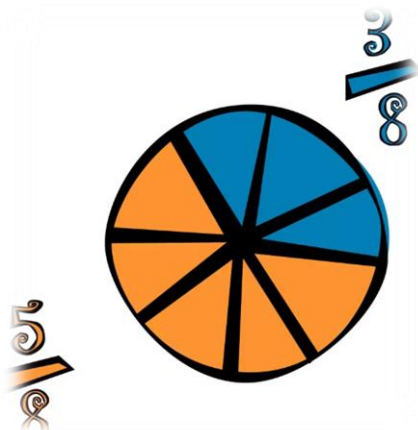
## From Viking Raids to Website Grades: Year 6 is on Fire!

This Autumn 2 term, Year 6 is buzzing with creativity and discovery! We're diving into the fantastical world of Philip Pullman's *Clockwork*, where narrative twists spark our imaginations.

In maths, we're sharpening our skills and confidence with fractions, ensuring we can conquer any challenge that comes our way!

Meanwhile, our computing lessons have us excitedly designing our very own websites; a brilliant way to showcase our ideas!

History comes alive as we explore the Viking invasion of Britain, and in Art, we're getting our hands dirty creating stunning mod rock sculptures.



# Reception's Ride into Christmas. With Elephants, Shapes and Side-Steps!

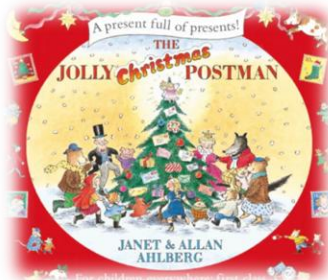
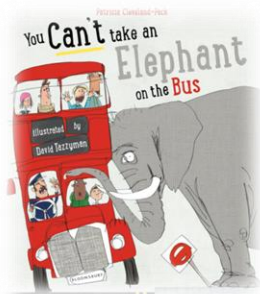
This half term in Reception, is bursting with energy and festive cheer!

In Maths, we're exploring the world of 2D shapes, spotting them in everyday life and learning how they fit together.

In English, we're enjoying some wonderfully imaginative stories including *You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus*, *Stickman*, and *The Jolly Christmas Postman*—perfect reads to get us giggling and thinking creatively.

We'll be getting crafty by making and posting our own Christmas cards and diving into the past to discover what Christmas was like long ago—a lovely way to connect history with celebration.

In our topic lessons, we're exploring different types of transport, comparing how people travelled in the past with how we move around today. And in PE, we're on the move practicing our side-step, gallop, hop and skip, getting ready to leap into the festive season with flair!

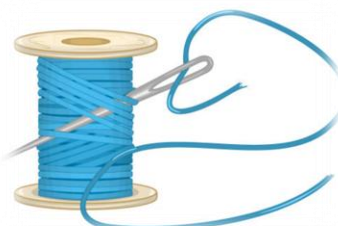


# Year 2: Stitching Stories. Snapping Pics & Solving History Mysteries!

This half term, Year 2 is bursting with curiosity and creativity! We're travelling back in time to explore The Great Fire of London, becoming history detectives as we examine clues and evidence to uncover the story of those dramatic days.

In Computing, we're getting hands-on with digital creativity, learning how to change and edit photographs like pros! And just in time for the festive season, our Christmas-themed textile project will have us threading needles and stitching with care as we learn to sew our own creations.

It's shaping up to be a term full of discovery, imagination and festive flair



## Year 4: Inventing, Leafleting & Leaping into Learning!

Year 4 has a jam-packed half term ahead, bursting with imagination and movement! In English, we're unleashing our inner inventors—designing our very own creations and writing leaflets to explain how they work. Who knows what brilliant ideas will come to life?

In Maths, we're diving deep into times tables, building confidence and speed as we master those all-important facts. It's all about quick recall and clever strategies!

Over in PE, we've started our exciting dance unit, where we're exploring how to create different shapes with our bodies and move expressively—watch out for some seriously stylish routines!

It's shaping up to be a half term full of creativity, movement and mathematical magic!



## Year 5: Trading Facts, Defying Gravity & Rewriting

### Shakespeare!

Year 5 is diving into a dynamic half term! In Geography, we're exploring UK trade, while in Science, we're investigating forces like gravity, wind, water and air resistance—prepare for some hands-on experiments!

In Art, we're mixing colours to create eye-catching effects, and in French, we're learning body parts and how to express ourselves at the doctors.

Maths will focus on multiplication, division and fractions, building confidence and fluency. And in English, we're reading a children's version of *Romeo and Juliet*—but with a twist! We'll be rewriting the ending to give this classic tale a happily-ever-after.



# Paws, Claws & Roars: Year 1's Wild Learning Adventure!

This half term, Year 1 is going wild with a fantastic focus on animals! In geography, we'll journey through different climates and explore the habitats that animals call home. This links beautifully with our science work, where we'll be sorting animals by their features and discovering the differences between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores.

In English, we're sharpening our pencils and our skills—practising handwriting, mastering capital letters and full stops, and diving into non-fiction writing. The children will become animal experts, creating fact files and writing imaginative letters or postcards as if their chosen animals had jetted off on global adventures! As the festive season approaches, we'll get crafty by designing and making moving Christmas cards, and of course, we'll be stepping into the spotlight as we begin rehearsals for our exciting Nativity performance.

## Blast Off with Preschool: A Half Term of Cosmic Curiosity!

This half term, Preschool is heading into orbit as we explore the wonders of Space! From the twinkling stars to the mysterious moon, we'll be discovering the planets and diving into sensory adventures with sparkly moon dough and out-of-this-world space trays.

In phonics, we'll keep tuning our ears to rhymes and initial sounds, while in maths we'll be busy describing shapes, and counting like cosmic explorers.

And that's not all—our journey will take us through a galaxy of celebrations, including Bonfire Night, Diwali, Guru Nanak's birthday, and Remembrance Day. It's a vibrant mix of learning, creativity, and cultural discovery.



## From Stones To Stories: Year 3 Dig Deep

This half term, Year 3 is travelling back in time and getting hands-on with history! We're creating cave paintings using natural resources to craft unique textures—just like early humans did. It's all part of our exciting journey through the Stone Age to the Iron Age, where we're uncovering how life evolved from rocks to roundhouses.

In RE, we're exploring the creation story and reflecting on how Christians let their creator guide them through life's adventures. It's a thoughtful journey of faith and understanding.

Meanwhile, in French, we're mastering the alphabet, counting to 20, and learning how to say our age and ask others theirs—bonjour, je m'appelle Year 3!



# Clubs That Make Mondays Musical and Thursdays Theatrical!

This half term, there's something for everyone after the bell rings! Here's what's on offer:

**Choir:** Monday lunchtime – lift your voices and sing your heart out!

**Forest Club:** Monday after school – adventure awaits among the trees.

**Cricket:** Monday after school – perfect your batting and bowling skills.

**Judo:** Tuesday after school – learn discipline and dynamic moves on the mat.

**Performing Arts:** Thursday after school – lights, music, and plenty of drama!

With so many exciting opportunities, it's the perfect time to try something new and discover hidden talents!

