

### Reading

*It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.*

*It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.*

*After reading with your child, it is important to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding, inference and deduction. For them to understand why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect the punctuation has had on the piece. It's also great if they can start selecting WOW words. These are exciting and adventurous words which will feed directly into their writing. It is also important for children to select books and read independently.*

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly, via the school office or the home diary.*

### Homework

*Every second week the children receive a list of spelling words and number facts (times tables) that they will need to learn over the 2 week period. We would appreciate your support in helping the children to learn these spellings and number facts in preparation for a fortnightly test.*

*Spelling and number facts are an essential part of the children's learning and all your support at home would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.*

### Useful Websites:

*These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:*

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/forces/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/forces/read/1/)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zky82hv/revision>



## **Betty Layward Primary School**

### **Year 5 Newsletter**

### **Autumn 2**

**Welcome back to our second term of Autumn! We had a brilliant term in Autumn 1, with a focus on Space. Thank you as always for your amazing support with everything! We are now excited to move on to our new topic "Gunpowder, plot and treason" and 'Forces' in science.**

Year 5 staff

#### 5 Buttercup

Anna Reynolds—Class Teacher

Dorinda Mills— Teaching Assistant

Giulia Stella—Learning Support Assistant

#### 5 Saffron

Briony Blow—Class Teacher

Dorinda Mills— Teaching Assistant

**For this half term our topic is:**

**Why should gunpowder, treason and plot never be forgotten?**



**This term, we'll be focusing more on History. We'll also have a unit of R.E. on Sikhism.**

## Announcements

### Dates for the diary.

**WOW DAY!**

**Monday 6th November**

**Meet the teacher**

**Wednesday 20th September 15.30**

**Saffron PE**– Tuesdays **Buttercup PE**– Thursdays

**Saffron Library**– Thursdays

**Buttercup Library**– Mondays

## History

We will be looking at Gunpowder, Treason and Plot. Some of the questions we will be focusing on will be:

- Who were the Roundheads and Cavaliers?
- Was Oliver Cromwell right to stop the monarchy
- Why was the execution of Charles 1 a major event in British history?
- Why do some people think that the Great Fire was one of the best things that happened to London?

## Maths

This term in Maths we are focussing on multiplication and division. The children will be learning about factors and multiples and then begin to work with prime numbers and determine what makes a number prime or composite.

After this, they work with square and cube numbers before moving on to multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. When multiplying, the children are encouraged to use a variety of methods, including: number bonds, column methods and the grid method.

## English

We will continue with our novel *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. This unit of work will focus on the developing the following skills;

- To enjoy exciting stories with memorable characters
- To consider how particular situations make individuals behave as they do
- To explore dilemmas, empathising with characters
- To build an imaginative picture of a fantasy world, based on real life experiences

We will also be doing some writing linked to our topic.

In reading sessions the children will also be continuing their learning about forces, by reading a range of non-fiction texts.



## Art

This term year 5 will continue having weekly art lessons with Kelly.

## PE

In PE lessons it is essential that your child brings their PE kit every week. This means that they will need sportswear, including trainers. This is an important part of their learning and ensures that they can take part in every lesson.

## RE

This term we will be learning about Sikhism in particular we will be finding out about what Sikhs believe is important.

