

Chuckery Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

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What have we done this term to make us feel Proud?

Year 2 have had a great start to the year this Autumn term packed full of trips, in-school experiences and lots of fun.



The children have showcased their resilience and excellent team work during forest school this term. They have worked hard to practise their orienteering and whittling skills to create their very own gnomes.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from Walsall Art Gallery where the children got creative with making their very own rockets. Some even used slits to help connect their materials together. This is a new technique we learnt.

What we have been learning about this term

We started off the year with our Gruffalo mini-adventure. The children explored what a map is and identified some of the key features found on a map. They also practised their directional language to help instruct each other how to navigate an area. This came in handy when they visited the Gruffalo trail at Cannock Chase. They were able to locate all the different characters from the story. We then created our own maps to help others to do the same which included a key and a compass rose. We then wrote a wanted poster to describe the Gruffalo's appearance. The children used fantastic descriptive language to help others look out for the beastly creature lurking in the deep, dark woods.



Following on from this, the children then zoomed off into space to learn all about Neil Armstrong's greatest achievement of being the first man on the moon. The children were fascinated by the moon landing, and some children even went home to carry out their own research of this topic. We also read the book 'Man on the Moon' and recreated our own stories of Bob the astronaut. The children included some great description and used a range of conjunctions to make their writing exciting and detailed! As part of this mini-adventure, the children also got the opportunity to create their very own rockets when Walsall Art Gallery visited. We used recycled materials to help us make them.



Autumn 2 was also filled with great learning experiences during our Light and Dark mini-adventure. The children showcased their cutting, grating and mixing skills when making samosas. They were very tasty! For our RE studies, the children learnt all about the story of Rama and Sita and how this links with the traditions of Diwali we see celebrated today by Hindus and Sikhs.

We ended the term looking at the story Meerkat Christmas. We studied Sunny's route around the globe and learnt all about the 7 continents and 5 oceans.



What we will be learning about in the spring term.

The mini-adventures your child will be covering are:



They will be learning about:

Maths:

We will be consolidating place value of a 2-digit numbers, including counting in 2s,3s, 5s from 0 and 10s from any number. Children will also be developing their understanding of odd and even numbers.

As well as this, we will also be looking at multiplication and division so that children are confident to read, write and calculate mathematical statements. We will also be supporting the children to recognise the relationship between multiplication and repeated addition.

English:

During spring term your child will be covering a range of writing genres, including:

- An explanation text to showcase our understanding of life cycles
- a diary entry about the Great Fire of London
- A set of instructions to explain how to make a bird feeder
- A poem linked to housing

Communications

Reach More Parents

We use the Reach More Parents app for all of our school communications. Parents will need to have download the app so:

- they know what is happening in school,
- can make payments for trips, dinner money etc.
- Can complete forms and book appointments

Facebook and Twitter

We share some photographs and announcements on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Find us at Chuckery primary—Official (Facebook) and @chuckeryprimary (Twitter)

Our Website

Everything you need to know about the school can be found on the school website. Visit us at www.chuckeryprimary.com

The School Day

Children should be in school at 8:45am. Gates close at 8:55am to allow parents time to leave the site . Children arriving after 8:55am will be marked as late. Further information can be found on our school website.

Key Dates—Spring Term

Monday 6th January —School re-opens

Tuesday 22nd—Wednesday 23rd January - Patents' Evening

**Thursday 13th February—Break up—
Half Term**

Friday 14th February—Staff Training Day

Monday 24th February—School re-opens

Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th February—Y4 at Castleton Residential

Thursday 10th April - Easter Egg Raffle

Friday 11th April —Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 11th April —Break Up

Monday 28th April - School re-opens