



Tudor Grange Primary Academy

# Meon Vale

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half term break! We have lots of exciting things in store during the run up to Christmas, including nativities, Christmas parties and lots more; we will keep you informed of these festive events over the coming weeks.

This half term we will be starting our new History topic called '**Victorious Victorians**' where we will be learning about this period of history and the reign of Queen Victoria. The children will explore what it would have been like to be a child during the Victorian times and will be making comparisons between their own lives and those of a Victorian child. The children will learn about how life has changed since the Victorian times and will learn about what a Victorian child's school life, daily routine, clothing, toys and holidays would have been like.

Our focus text for our English and Guided Reading lessons will be 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. The children will be exploring this text, alongside some other books by the same author, and completing a variety of different writing activities linked to the story. It was brilliant to see how much the children loved last half term's English unit based on 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey and I am sure they will have the same enthusiasm for this new text.

Our Science topic for this half term is 'Living Things and their Habitats' and you will be able to see more of what we will be learning by looking at the attached curriculum map. Within this unit of work, we will be building upon the children's learning about animals from last half term and finding out more about where different animals live and how they are adapted to be able to survive in their habitat. If any opportunities arise whilst you are out and about, please talk to your children about the different habitats they might find locally. Discuss the animals and plants that could be found in these habitats and ask them why they think the animals live in these habitats.

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. The children are growing in independence when dressing themselves and are becoming much more confident with their buttons and ties. Please continue to encourage your child with this at home when they are dressing themselves.

As you may be aware, our Year 2 children should have undertaken the Phonics Screening Check in the June of Year 1, however, this was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Phonics Screening Check is a short assessment which includes a list of 40 words (real and nonsense/alien words) and this test will now be administered to



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our Year 2 children during this half term. I will be sending home some booklets and helpful resources over the coming weeks for you to use with your children to prepare them for this assessment.

Here are some useful Maths resources to consolidate your child's learning from last half term. We are not expecting you to print these or return them to school (unless you want to) but we hope you find them useful when supporting your child at home.

Place Value

<https://wrm-13b48.kxcdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Y2-HL-Autumn-Block-1-Place-value-2020.pdf>

Addition and Subtraction

<https://wrm-13b48.kxcdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Y2-HL-Autumn-Block-2-Addition-and-subtraction-2020.pdf>

Finally, it is lovely to hear that you and your children are enjoying our new reading scheme books. Please ensure you are reading regularly with your child and don't forget to write in their reading records when you do. It is brilliant to see lots of messages about the children enjoying their reading – thank you for supporting and encouraging them with this.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards

Miss Hodges

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