



# Year 2 Autumn Term 1

Welcome back to school! Last term flew by, and gave the children the chance to really settle into Year 2, I hope this half term will be just as successful. This is always the busiest of half terms and we have so much planned, including a an exciting new topic and a number of celebrations leading up to Christmas. Please make a note of the important dates and remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at @GPSHolly for regular updates of what we get up to in Year 2!

## Important Dates:

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parent’s Evening**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – World Science Investigation Day**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Staff INSET**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas shop non-uniform day**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas shop**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christingle Service**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity performance for the local community**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity performance for parents - 10am and 5pm**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Ks1 Christmas Party**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - £1 non-uniform day and finish for Christmas**

## Phonics

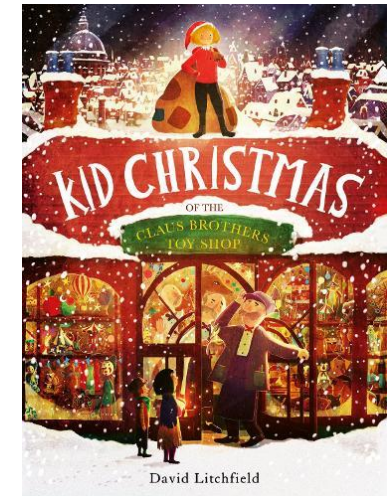
In Phonics we use a Government approved scheme called Phonics Shed. Children will be starting Chapter 4b, and will include the sounds - ay (day) ou (out) ie (tie) ea (east) oy (boy) ir (girl) ue (blue) aw (saw) wh (when) ph (photo) ew (new) oe (toe) au (Paul) Split digraphs a-e (make) e-e(these) i-e (like)

## English

In English we will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction. We will be learning to write instruction texts, using imperative verbs and accurate punctuation to write a range of different instructions for different purposes.

We will be reading books linked to the theme of Christmas and focusing on the text ‘Kid Christmas - of the Claus Brother Toy Shop’. Using the book, we will be learning different sentence types, using a range of subordinating and coordinating conjunctions and using expanded noun phrases to describe the various Christmas scenes.

Utilising our learned Computing skills we will also be writing and sending invitations to the Christmas nativity.



## Reading

In Year 2 we will continue to enjoy daily reading of a range of picture books and poetry. We will also be starting out first class novel ‘The Hat full of Secrets’ by Karl Newson, a fantastic adventure story about a boy who goes on an adventure wearing his Grandad’s cowboy hat! Reading books will continue to be changed daily and remember that frequent reading will give you the opportunity to visit the book vending machine!

### Maths

In Maths this half-term we will be focusing on using measures. We will be setting up a toy shop in the classroom so children can practise recognising and using the different coins and then making different amounts and giving change. We will be measuring in different units for time, mass and length using lots of practical equipment to measure accurately. Lots of our learning will be outside in the school grounds so please regularly check class dojo as outdoor shoes and clothing may sometimes be required. We will then be looking at statistics, finding totals of objects and interpreting data that we have generated.

### Science

In Science we will be starting a new topic 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning about what human and other animals need to survive and stay healthy. We will be learning about how different types of animals are born and how different animals change as they get older. We will be investigating why exercise is important and what happens to our bodies when we exercise regularly.

### RE

In RE we will be learning about the Christian festival of 'Advent', we will be learning about all the different Christian symbols represented in a Christingle and creating our own. We will also be welcoming Reverend Helen from the local Trinity Church to hold our very own Christingle service at the local church.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will be learning how to foster and maintain friendships with the important people in their life.

### Music

In music we will be learning traditional carols that we will be performing in this year's Nativity and learning to play 'Jingle Bells' on the ocarina.

### History and Geography Knowledge

In history and geography, we will continue to be learning all about Gillibrand and the local community. We will be continuing investigating the Gillibrand family and their significance to us and our school. We will be looking at key historical sources like maps, school plans and photographs to identify differences between then and now.

In geography we will be learning to identify key symbols on a map and create our own maps of the local community. We will be using digimap and the iPads to input and identify geographical features and landmarks.

### DT

In DT the focus will be learning about mechanisms. We will be using levers and sliders to make moving Christmas cards.

### Computing

In Computing we will be reviewing our learning about online safety. We will be using the iPads and to learn how to record, edit and safely share content when we record Christmas songs and messages for our local and school community.

### PE

In PE we will be learning gymnastics. We will be learning about different balances, travels and control on the gymnastics apparatus. **P.E days will be: Tuesday and Friday.**