

# Year 2 Newsletter

November 2016

## Life in the past

Our topic this half term 'Life in the past' has got off to an exciting start with our trip to Forge Mill Needle Museum. The children imagined that they had been transported back in time and enjoyed a role play activity where they had to work hard if they wanted to become an apprentice in the needle factory. We have certainly learnt that life in the Victorian times was not easy!



As part of our MOE work, we have been continuing to work for Debbie Lakeman, who we met at Forge Mill, to research the history of Redditch. The children have been learning lots of interesting facts about the development of famous buildings including Bordesley Abbey and St. Stephen's Church. We would like to thank all the children who have produced some beautiful drawings, models or information pages to display in our classrooms. They look amazing!

More fun and fascinating facts are in store as we explore the lives of famous people from the past over the next few weeks. We have a visitor in school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November who will be helping us learn through an interactive workshop!



## Winter Warmers!



Please ensure that your

child has both a named indoor P.E. kit and an outdoor P.E. kit consisting of tracksuit bottoms, a jumper and trainers. Temperatures are expected to get colder soon so we would like the children to be suitably dressed for our outdoor ball skills activities. Thank you.

## Year 2 Class Assemblies

*Many thanks to all parents and carers who have been able to attend your child's class assembly this year. We have been delighted with the number of people who have been able to attend and we thoroughly appreciate your support. The children clearly have worked incredibly hard on putting together such entertaining assemblies. Well done Year 2!*

## How to support your child at home

Please ensure that your child is able to spell the following words as part of their target:

*because, last, past, children, poor, most, both, old, people, Christmas*

For maths we would like you to use number facts to find doubles and halves of 2 digit numbers. Here are some handy websites to help you practise:

<http://www.ictgames.com/doubles.htm>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



## The Joy of Christmas!

It is that time of year when we are starting to think about Christmas! Year 2 will be performing some Christmas Carols at The Bridge church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!