

# Year 2 Newsletter

November 2017

## Fun at Forge Mill!

Year 2 had a fantastic start to this half term with a trip to Forge Mill Needle Museum. They were engaged in hands-on activities throughout the day consisting of making paper scouring hats, playing with Victorian toys and taking part in some role play as an apprentice to clean needles. The children were amazed at the wide collection of different needles that were made in the past and enjoyed taking part in a Logo trail. A fun filled day!



Here is a reminder of the **target words** for Autumn 2:

**job now then past present Christmas nurse history Florence museum**

For maths we would like your child to be able to double and halve numbers 1 digit and 2 digit numbers.

For example

Double 6 is 12.

Half of 6 is 3.

Here are some handy websites to help you practise:

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

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

### Upcoming dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Parental engagement 1:45 - 2:45

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Christmas Carol concert at The Bridge church 10:00am start

## Now and Then

Our Mantle of the Expert topic has begun with the children helping the museum worker Debbie Lakeman at Forge Mill Needle Museum to create a new exhibition. The children have been busy showing off their historical knowledge about life in the past in the form of an information page for her display.

We have explored what life was like in Redditch many years ago and compared how jobs are different today. Year 2 have continued developing as skills as knowledge as historians to investigate what happened to Bordesley Abbey.

## E-safety

We have been learning that unkind behaviour online can affect other people, even though we can't see them. Please reinforce this message at home if your child is communicating online.

## Anti-bullying week

This week has been anti-bullying week and a big thank you to all those that came in their odd socks on Monday to celebrate the fact that we are all different. We have had lots of discussions as part of our class assemblies, thinking about why we are all different and what makes us special!

Children have been busy in their classrooms understanding more about being a good friend and what to do if they find themselves in a tricky situation that is happening all of the time. To do this we looked at what bullying might look like so that children can recognise what the difference is between bullying and being mean sometimes.