

# France Class Newsletter



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I hope you all had a good half term. The following is a rough guide as to what we will be looking at and what is happening this half term during the run up to Christmas. If you have any questions please ask and we will try our best to help.

## Mornings

The children have settled into the routines very well but please still encourage them to independently complete their jobs. As before half term, the children need to find an activity to complete at one of the tables which will be usually based around developing their fine motor skills. These will change weekly and the children will be encouraged to alternate between both activities so they are accessing different resources and developing different skills. During this time children may be asked to come and complete small activities with me so it is really important that the children are on time and put their things away quickly.

If children bring in a snack, could you please remind them to put it in their drawer so they can get to it easily during the day rather than leaving it in their book bags. It would also help if they put hats, gloves and scarves in their drawers to get to easily and **please make sure they are named.**

## PE

Our PE will continue to be on a Friday which will be gymnastics based. As we move towards Christmas we will be practising our dance for the Christmas production. The children will also do PE on a Wednesday and this will be a multi-skills session. However, this half term, the timetable is flexible, so please leave PE kits in school all week and **please make sure it is still all named.**

## Reading and keywords

The children are enjoying the shared library books and their school reading books. We will still be changing books on a Thursday and a tick, initial or comment is needed to let me know that they have read to you, in order for me to change their book. Remember school is aiming for children to read at home at least 3 times per week so please try and ensure this happens. The children have made great progress already with their reading and recognition of sounds and sight words on the red cards. More of these will be sent home throughout the term to keep learning. It is still really important to encourage children to sound out words which they are unfamiliar with but starting to encourage them to sound out words in their head before reading them. This is a skill we will be practicing during Read Write Inc this half term and the children will remember it as 'Fred in your head' as we want the children to become independent readers and not rely on sounding out everything they read.

## Topics

Over this half term we will probably be covering the following themes, Diwali and Remembrance Day before moving onto People Who Help Us, Winter and Christmas. However if the children's interests change, we may make slight changes along the way. Details will follow shortly of the vast variety of Christmas events. We will try and keep you up to date as much as possible, but all dates will be on the notice board and I will update Tapestry so please keep logging in for any updates. I will try and keep the photos on the window up to date too, so have a peek when you can!

### **Stay and play**

This half term we would like to invite you stay and play with the children one morning. Children will come into school as normal but you can stay and do a Christmas activity and then we will perform a few Christmas songs as an Early Years Unit before you can enjoy a coffee and mince pies. The date we have scheduled is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. It would be lovely to see you all, however if you are unable to attend, there will be lots for your child to do, so please don't worry.

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - France Class Worship**

You are welcome to come to the school hall from 9.15 to 9.30 where we will lead the worship and talk about the different things we do and learn in France. If you can, it would be lovely to see you all there.

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask myself or Mrs Parker.

Mrs Whaley