

Gilsland Church of England Primary School

Infant Class Newsletter November 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after the half term holiday. Thank you to all parents for supporting their children with their homework. This link between home and school is essential for your child to achieve their best because everyone knows what the children are learning about. We have so many avid readers in the class that more stickers have been ordered so that we do not run out. Well done all!

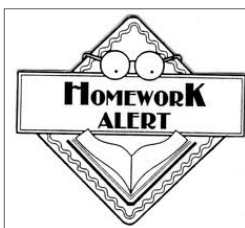
Reception homework

The first books we send home do not have any words in them. The idea of these wordless books is to allow children to become familiar with the new characters, as well as to tell their own stories using the pictures. Making up their own stories is an important skill to help develop children's reading and writing skills.

Please 'read' with your child daily and write a comment in their reading record to let us know how they got on.

Homework sheets will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday. This

homework will continue something your child has been learning about in school. Please spend time sitting with your child and guiding them to complete the sheet.

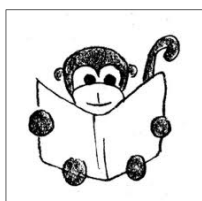


Homework—year ones and twos

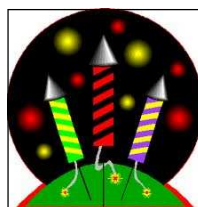
As well as daily reading, printed homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday.

Year two children also have spellings in their new spelling books, please complete spellings on three different days so that they become learned not copied.

Please record your comments in your child's reading record and year **two children** should now be beginning to add their **own comments**.



Our topic for this half term is finishing "Toy Story" with a week on bonfire night and fireworks followed by Christmas!!



The children and I have looked at our plans for Toy Story and we have a few more things to cover.

In Literacy we will be focusing on instructions, bonfire poetry and plays.

In Numeracy we will be following the Numeracy Strategy which includes shape, fractions, data handling and number facts.

In Science we will be looking at materials and their properties

In R.E. we will be thinking about famous people and what they did then we will focus on Christmas

In ICT the years one and two will be creating some animation.

In history we will find out about Guy Fawkes and learn about some Christmas traditions.

In Art we will be creating paintings.

In PSHE we will be focusing on friendship.



P.E.

Please make sure that your child has a change for both indoor and outdoor PE including a **spare pair of socks**. Please make sure your child's name is written in their clothes.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to ask.