



# Parents in Partnership

**Don't forget Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019 is an INSET day!**

## **Year 2 Topic Newsletter 25.10.19**

### **British Values Week – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

St Augustine's needs you...

We are setting up a brand new School Council, which will involve a boy and a girl from each year group joining together each week to discuss the children's voices and ideas. The School Council members will play an important role in other areas too, such as, showing visitors around our school, meeting with Governors and organising fund raising events with the Mini Vinnies!

We will use a democratic vote to choose our Year 2 School Council members. Children who would like to nominate themselves will be encouraged to say why they would like to be our School Council representative and why they would be good at the role. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, each child who would like to be involved will be given the opportunity to explain to the class why they would like to be out representative and then each child will take part in the voting process! The girl and boy with the most votes will become our Year 2 School Council representatives and will be named in our Friday Celebration assembly!

**Our Topic next half term:**

# April 15, 1912

As part of this topic we will be learning about the Titanic. We will look at the journey she took and what happened, the night that she sunk.

We will make links to local ship wrecks off Weymouth and Portland and will visit Portland Museum to learn about the Avalanche and Forest wreck.

We are also lucky enough to have Finn's Dad visiting us to share some of the exciting things that he has found at the bottom of the ocean whilst diving!

### **Reading Challenge!**

At St Augustine's, we believe that reading is an essential skill for all children and we hope that they enjoy reading for pleasure. After half term, we are launching our new 'Reading Challenge'. The aim, is to encourage children of all ages to read aloud at home to an adult, develop their fluency and their love of reading! When a child achieves 30 'reads' this success will be shared in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday and children awarded with a special reading star badge.

These badges can be worn proudly on their school jumpers!

Additional badges can be won at 60 'reads', 100 'reads' and 150 'reads'.

We would like a 'read' to mean around 15-20minutes of sharing a book with an adult.

1 'read' = 1 day.

It still counts as 'a read' even if they haven't finished the whole book. Please use the yellow reading records to record when your child has read at home, these will be monitored by staff.

Thank you for your support and hope that all children make super progress over the year to become happy, enthusiastic and more fluent readers.

### **Half Term homework:**

- Read every day!!!!
- If you would like to nominate yourself for School Council then write a very short speech to tell the rest of the class on Tuesday!
- Practice your timetables 2,5,10.
- Common Exception word list has been sent home to practice reading and spelling!
- Have fun!

Thank you for your support. We appreciate all the efforts you make to support the children with their learning.  
Mrs Bladon, Mrs Tonkin, Mrs Wilkins and Miss Taylor