

Derwent Class Autumn 2 Newsletter.

Welcome back,

This half term we have got such a lot to look forward to. We will be writing to my dear friend Father Christmas and he has never let me down in writing back to the children. Father Christmas normally gets these letters back to us with his personalised reply on the last day of term ;)

Chilly As the weather gets a bit cooler can we make sure all children are coming in with a coat. (Hats, scarves and gloves recommended as the term progresses. Please make sure these are named!)

Thank you A huge thank you to everyone for how we settled into Year 1 and 2 you're all incredible and have adapted so well to the new systems in Derwent Class. You have been motivated and amazing at showing the Shardlow way all the time.

Thank you for all the donations to the Harvest too. I hope you all agree in how amazing the children were during the Harvest Festival.

Times Tables In Derwent Class we love chanting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We are now looking at changing these chants into times tables eg $1 \times 2 = 2$, $2 \times 2 = 4$ etc We will be assessing these with the children starting this week. Children may start to come home with some certificates Bronze (reciting times tables in order) Silver (recalling times tables out of order) and Gold (knowing the division facts for this times table) Gold certificates are given out in Spirit assembly.

Can you sew? On Wednesday 10th December we are having a Design Technology Day where we will be making our very own soft toys. If you are available to help on the **afternoon** please let Mrs Peach know. I will send a reminder nearer the time but thought you would appreciate the heads up if anyone needs to rearrange other commitments. It can be grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. We welcome any support/threading needles and helping us sew.

Toys From the Past We are learning in History all about toys from the past, if you have any toys that you would be willing to showcase with the children we would absolutely love this. On Wednesday 12th November we are inviting grandparents to come into class from 2.30pm but there is a catch... are they able to come in with a toy from the past that they may have to share with us OR some pictures of toys that they would have played with in their childhood? (Please let Mrs Peach know if anyone is able to attend, we would love the children to have the opportunity to ask questions to people they know to look at history within our living memory)

Don't forget we have an interactive workshop coming in on Wednesday 19th November please pay £10.50 so your child can take part in this exciting opportunity.

Numbots We all still have access to Numbots, Your child has their log in details stuck into the back of their organisers. Please can I remind everyone that the Numbot robot is to go home to the children who are making improvements in their scores each week. It is a bit of fun for the children only please. We intend to keep using this as a motivation for the children to enjoys maths at home too.

Nativity Good news!!!! Derwent Class are putting on a nativity called 'Secret Angels. Auditions will take place soon and we will let you know what costumes (if any) are needed in plenty of time before the performance.

Share a Story Please can I remind year 1s that they share a story bags which we swap on a Monday.

Spellings The spellings each week are always on the class page. On this note some parents are saying that their children struggle to practise their spellings each week. This is something that the children are getting in a good routine with now. However I am more than happy for the children to use other ways to practise their spellings. If the children can hand write them at least twice on their sheet that would be great if they are using other methods. (Grown ups please sign and make a note if they have practised in a different way)

Other ways of practising spellings include:

- Magnetic letters
- Scrabble letters
- Post it notes
- Water and paintbrush on the patio
- Salt in a tray and children use fingers in the salt to create letters.
- Type (make sure predictive text is switched off though 😊)

PE This half term our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. We have Tai Chi Paul in teaching us on a Monday which in the past have always been great sessions.

Our Recommended Reads for Year 1

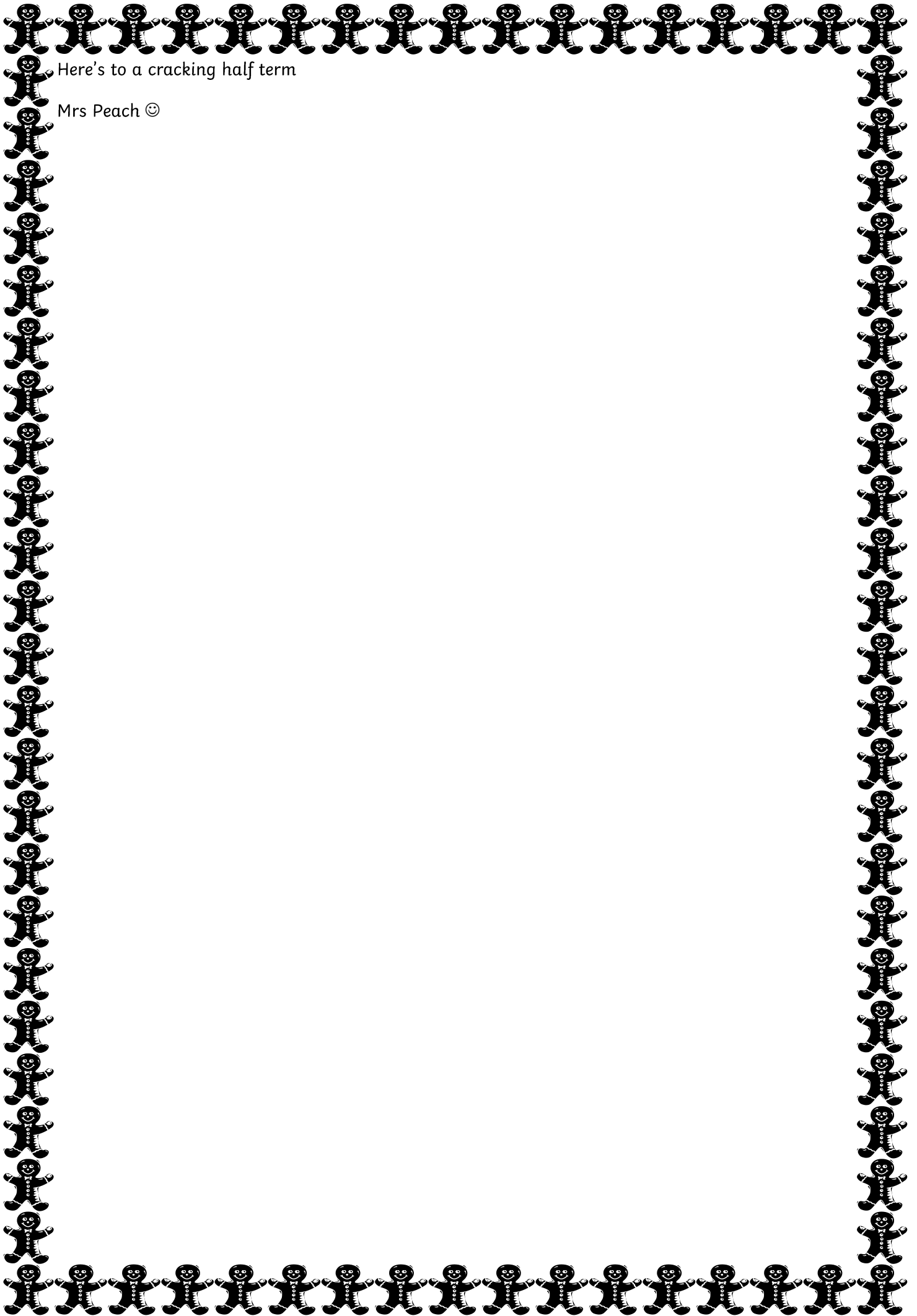


Our Recommended Reads for Year 2



Diary Dates:

- 7.11.25 Non uniform for Christmas Cracker donations.
- w/b 10.11.25 Anti bullying week.
- 11.11.25 RSE parent workshop after school.
- 12.11.25 Grandparents or parents with toys Q&A with the class.
- 14.11.25 wear yellow for Pasic
- 19.11.25 Interactive Toy workshop
- 28.11.25 Christmas Cracker
- 9.12.25 Nativity
- 10.12.25 Derwent Class sewing afternoon
- 16.12.25 Cinderella Panto in Loughborough
- 19.12.25 Christmas service at the church.



Here's to a cracking half term

Mrs Peach ☺