

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome/Добре дошъл

I hope this last newsletter for this half term finds you well. It has simply flown by with us all being busy with our learning and having fun too. I hope that you enjoyed our **mini music concerts** that each class have performed over the past week to celebrate the end of our **history enquiry** work. I was very proud of the children for performing outside to everyone and for their hard work over the past 6 weeks learning about WWII and the evacuees.

We look forward to beginning our new whole school **enquiry** [see overleaf for more information about our **Sparky Start on Tuesday 22nd February**] after half term.

Hopefully you received the information regarding the events that are happening next half term. It seems it will be very busy with **World Book Day** and **Red Nose Day** before our traditional **Easter events**. All the money raised in any events is ploughed back into the school, we purchase new equipment for the school e.g. ipad covers or books to support enquiry.

Have a wonderful break, there is **no set homework** we want all the children to have a rest although a little bit of reading never hurt anyone 😊.

Best wishes, Mrs Rae Lee

Pre School/Предучилищно училище

Pre School have been thoroughly engaged all week with making **pancakes** and replicating them in play dough. They have enjoyed listening to the traditional tale, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. **After half term**, they will be investigating how to grow tomato seeds. How exciting!

Year R/Година R

This week **Class 1 and 2** have made their very own 'Enormous Turnip' zig-zag books, using their phonic knowledge to support them to write labels and captions independently. We have really enjoyed sharing the children's homework challenge posts on **Tapestry** throughout the week and seeing how well the children are doing with using their 'phonics arm' to segment and blend words to read and write them. We all enjoyed our walk and visit to the Trinity Free Church on Thursday and our **RE** learning has focussed on 'belonging'. There is **no set homework** challenge for the half term break, but, as always, we would encourage the children to **share their real and Bug Club reading books** as much as possible. **After half term**, we are looking forward to our 'UK Games' **Sparky Start Day on Tuesday 22nd February**. We will be sharing our new **Literacy** focus book 'Supertato' and beginning to explore the 'teens' numbers 11-20 in our **maths** sessions.

Year 1/Година 1

Class 3 and 4 have been imagining themselves as evacuees again this week and used all the skills they have learnt, in **English**, to write postcards home to the families they had to leave in the cities. They have solved lots of addition problems in **maths** using different methods, like adding the ones first or adding by making ten. In **music**, they have used what they have learnt about dynamic and pitch to do a performance about a 'Funny Bones' story and they enjoyed performing their concert to parents, singing "We'll meet again" with Makaton actions. We hope that they all have a lovely half term, there is **no set homework**, but we ask that they still try to **read** to you as much as they can. **After half term**, we are looking forward to reading 'Natfantastic', practising subtracting in **maths** and the **Sparky Start Day on Tuesday 22nd February**.

Year 2/Година 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** made their own leaflets on how to stay healthy in **English**. They remembered to include exclamation type sentences, questions and conjunctions. In **maths**, they enjoyed sorting 2D and 3D shapes according to their properties. Over half term, you might like to **practise this with your child using everyday objects**. The highlight of the week was playing recorders to accompany the 'Funny Bones' story, 'The Pet Shop' in **music**. Ask your child about our new musical vocabulary, 'dynamics' and 'pitch'. **After half term**, we will focus on our new text in **English**, 'Traction Man' and in **maths** we will be learning all about fractions. We are looking forward to our **Sparky Start Day** which will be on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

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UK Games Day/ Ден на игрите в Обединеното кралство



When we return after half term we will start our new whole school **enquiry** work, we will focus on **Geography**, building on our knowledge of our community from the Autumn term and exploring the UK countries. Our **Sparky Start** this time will be held on **Tuesday 22nd February**. We have organised for the children to participate in Highland Games, investigate Morris dancing and explore rugby and Irish dancing. We would love for the children to come to school in **clothing that celebrates the UK flags** and can be worn for **PE type activities** e.g. for Wales a child could wear green jogging bottoms and a red t-shirt with a dragon on it or for Scotland they could be dressed head to toe in royal blue and white. If you can help out in anyway to support our event do let us know.

Dates for Diary Дати за дневник

Monday 21st February	Spring Term 2 begins
Tuesday 22nd February	Sparky Start Day for UK Games [children dress in UK flag colours for PE type activities]
Monday 28th February	Deadline for World Book Day competition entries [see email sent on 10.2.2022]
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day [children dress in PJs and bring in favourite book and teddy]
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day [children come in red clothes and wear red noses for a small donation to the charity]
Week beginning 28th March	YR [Class 1 & 2] Easter Concert [on video via YouTube to be released]
Thursday 31st March	Easter Fete [in school Easter Activities including a visit to see the Hartford Easter Bunny, £3 donation for goodie bag and sweet treat]
Friday 1st April	Term Ends and Easter Bonnet Parade [children bring in Easter bonnets and parade in them at the end of the school day]

