

Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope that you had a lovely summer, and we warmly wish to welcome you back to school. The children have settled back into the school routine and have enjoyed their first few days in Year 2. The Year 2 team are very much looking forward to teaching and supporting your children this year and watching them progress.

Learning Journey Topic

Our class topic this term will be The Great Fire of London. The children have already impressed us with the knowledge they have and the questions they want to find the answers to. Over the coming weeks the children will be learning what caused the Fire of London, why the fire spread and how London changed to help prevent another disaster like this happening again. The children will also find out how people tried to tackle the Fire of London and compare this with modern day firefighting methods. We will be studying the diaries of Samuel Pepys and looking at other evidence that helps us piece together what happened all those years ago.

English

This term the children will start by writing a short narrative based on the book Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuijs. It will include activities designed to help them create characters as well as developing a simple plot that would be appealing and entertaining to someone in their family. Later in the term we will be writing instructions and letters. We will also be performing and writing poetry with an emphasis on using expanded noun phrases to describe and create a clear picture for the reader. The children will continue to develop their phonic and spelling knowledge to help improve their writing across the curriculum. They will also learn the importance of using editing and redrafting as a way of improving their written work.

Mathematics

The children have started their maths learning by playing games involving basic number skills. We will be moving on to looking at what each digit represents in numbers up to 100, before comparing, ordering and regrouping these numbers in lots of different ways. The children will also be learning different mental methods for adding and subtracting numbers. Later in the term we will be focusing on money including giving change and completing activities linked to measures. Throughout the term, the children will practise their number facts and key mathematical skills through fluency sessions and weekly Arithmetic lessons.

Other Core Subjects

Science-Our topic this term is Everyday Materials. The children will be identifying the uses of materials and learn how their properties make them suitable for different jobs. They will be investigating how some materials can be changed by bending, squashing, twisting and stretching and relating this to their properties. They will also be investigating a variety of materials to see which one would be most suitable for a particular use.

Computing- Our two units of work will be 'What is a computer?' and 'Programming- Algorithms and Debugging'.

Art- In art the children will be using clay to make a simple pinch pot and tile.

D&T-In D& T the children will be learning how they can make strong and stable structures before designing and making a chair for a toy bear.

PE-Premier Sports will be teaching Net and Wall games in Autumn 1 and Multi-Skills in Autumn 2. Mrs Andrews will be teaching Gymnastics followed by Invasion Games.

PSHCE- During the first part of the term, we will be revising the Zones of Regulation, setting up our Class Council and generating a class charter. Our main topics will be 'My Healthy Self and Connecting with Others'.

Music- In music the children will be using instruments to compose and play simple rhythms as well as developing their understanding of dynamics.

RE- The children will be learning about the key symbols and festivals of Christianity and Judaism.

Other messages

Peek of the Week is posted on **Google Classroom** on a **Friday**. Please take time to read this each week as it contains information about the week ahead and homework. Each week homework will include reading, spelling and practising number skills. More information on homework will be available in the Meet the Teacher Presentation.

PE days will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please can children have PE kits in school on these days, children should have suitable **indoor** and **outdoor** clothes. PE kits will be returned home at the end of each half term for washing.

Library Day is on a Wednesday. If children want to change library books, they should be in school on this day.

We hope that this information will help you support your child this term.

Best wishes The Year 2 Team