



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Year Two

Autumn Term

English

This term in English we will be reading texts related to our Great Fire of London topic. There is a strong emphasis in Year 2 on correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting. These skills will be reinforced through all our learning. Within phonics sessions, the children will consolidate the sounds covered in Year 1. We will focus on reading for pleasure, adding expression when reading aloud, reading fluently and developing comprehension skills.

Maths

Our main focus in Maths this term will be number and place value. We will be ordering and comparing numbers as well as adding and subtracting to 100, using practical apparatus and mental calculation strategies. We will also be learning to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and 5 minute intervals). Children will also learn to recognise British coins and solve problems involving money, including giving change.



Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a small pencil case containing the necessary equipment: a pencil, sharpener, eraser, glue stick and a few colouring pencils.

We would appreciate any donations of tissues to help combat the usual winter colds!



Science

Our topics for this term are inventors and materials. The children will learn about the lives and works of a variety of inventors including Alexander Graham Bell and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They will also learn about a variety of everyday materials and their properties. The children will be encouraged to think about why certain materials are suitable for particular purposes.



Humanities

In History this term, we will find out about The Great Fire of London and explore how the fire started, how it spread and the consequences of the fire. In the second half of the term, children will be developing their geographical world knowledge to include the continents, oceans, countries and capital cities. This will be linked to Christmas traditions around the world.



Religious Education

We will start this half term thinking about different Jewish festivals and how they are celebrated. Next half term we will be looking at the Ten Commandments and the symbol of light in relation to Christmas.

PSHE

This term, following our Jigsaw PSHE scheme, we will focus on 'Being Me in my World' and then move onto 'Celebrating Differences'.



PE

To start this term, children will develop skills associated with team building and fundamental movement, such as hopping, skipping and jumping. After half term, the children will develop ball skills, such as dribbling and learn to perform basic gymnastic actions.

All children in Year 2 will have PE every Monday and Thursday.

Children in Hawthorn and Mulberry class need to wear their uniform to school and bring their PE kit on these days.

Children in Sycamore class need to wear their uniform to school and bring their PE kit on Mondays. On Thursdays, they need to wear their PE kit to school and bring their uniform to change into after their lesson.

Art & Design

Our first unit is 'Tell a Story' where the children will develop their observational drawing skills and experiment with mark making to create textures. The following craft and design unit will use maps as a stimulus to experiment with different craft techniques.

Design & Technology

The children will develop their understanding of the importance of strength, stability and stiffness when building structures. They will work collaboratively to design and build bridges.

Music

The children will be exploring rhythm and pitch using a variety of percussion instruments in their music lessons. The children will also have the opportunity to respond to music in a variety of ways and will further develop these skills during collective worship.

Reading Books and Diaries

Your child will read weekly with a teacher or teaching assistant as part of a small group. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary into school every day. Please refer to the front of reading diaries to find useful tips for reading at home, lists of 'Harder to Read and Spell Words' and Phase 2-5 sounds. The children will visit the school library each week where they can choose books to read for pleasure. These may be beyond their reading ability and are to be shared with an adult to help promote a love of reading.

Home Learning

Home learning activities will be set on Google Classroom every Friday and they will be due in the following Wednesday. The children will receive weekly spelling home learning as well as a maths or English activity.

Dates

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October

Parent teacher meetings

Monday 30th October

INSET day

Tuesday 7th November

Book Look

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November

Scooter training

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December

KS1 Nativity, 9:15am

Friday 14th June

Year 2 Collective Worship, 9:15am

PE Kits

PE kit should consist of dark shorts, house t-shirt and appropriate footwear for indoor/outdoor activities. Tracksuits would be appreciated for later in the term. We recommend that PE kits stay in school all week so that they are always available.