

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back! Thank you for your current support with your child in their learning. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year Two team

Mars Class - Daniella Barnett, Kerry and Grace
Earth Class - Leena George, Kerry and Juliette

Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'What was the Great Fire of London and how did it influence life today?' Throughout this topic, the children will explore and research old London, comparing life in London in 1666 to their life now. We will describe how people of London acted together to put the fire out as they did not have the resources we have today and give reasons to the changes made now.

English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'The Great Fire of London' and 'The Dragon Machine'. Children will take part in a lot of role play to really get into character and produce diary entries and account of the fire.

During reading sessions, the children will begin to develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions.

Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on addition and subtraction as well as multiplication towards Christmas. Year 2 will be learning to build on their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and relate them to bonds to 20 and 100. Using the sentences stem "If I know.... then I know" to justify their answers. Then children will explore the inverse calculation of subtraction to further deepening their mastery of addition.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Everyday Materials. Children will investigate and experiment to compare the sustainability of each material; wood, plastic, paper, glass, fabric and metal. To develop children scientific skill, we will be focusing on predicting and writing up results focusing on using scientific language.

Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher from Southwark Music services. Year 2 will be learning to identify and create their own rhythms, through learning a variety of songs and exploring different musical instruments.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic. Children will be exploring different mediums to produce a Fire of London scene. Using Pen and ink, chalk pastel/ paint colour mixing, the children will comment on the work of a range of artists and learn to blend and mix colours

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday. Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and change before the lesson. Our PE focus this half term will be gymnastics. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Mondays and Wednesdays

R.E.

The children will be exploring concepts of being sorry and forgiveness. Why it is important to say sorry and forgive others.

Key Dates

9:00 - 9:30 - Reading Groups

9:30 - 10:20 - Phonics/Handwriting

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English

12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH

13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

10th November - Diwali: Festival of light, Remembrance Day

13th November - KS1 coffee morning/ Anti bullying week - (Odd Sock Day)

17th November- Children in Need (Own clothes Day)

25th November - White Ribbon Day (international day for the eradication of violence against women)

7th December- Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner

8th December- Winter Fair

11th December- House Winner Trip

14th December- Year 1/2/3 Carol Concert 2.

19th December- Class Parties

20th December- Last Day (2pm finish)

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 21st December 2023 - Tuesday 9th January 2024

Inset Day Monday 8th January 2024