Autumn Term Year 2 - What We Are Learning This Term

Important Information

'Aspire, Believe, Achieve, Thrive'- our motto is one that we truly believe in and should be instilled to all of our pupils. The school and parents working in partnership is part of this. Throughout the term you, as parents/guardians, can help your child's learning in a number of ways:

- The PE timetable changes each fortnight (for both classes) so please ensure your child wear their PE kit on their PE days.
- Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected on Wednesday. Spellings will be given out Friday and tested the following Friday.
- Individual reading books are sent home. Please read with your child every night. AR books are not changed daily and PM books will be changed twice a week.
- Any letters or reply slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag. The children are asked if they have any reply slips from home in the mornings.
- The children should bring a named water bottle in to keep in class containing only water.
- Please always bring a jacket to school- in case it rains!
- Finally please make sure all of your child's uniform is clearly named.

Welcome to Year Two, we hope you enjoyed the Summer Break and are ready for all the exciting learning adventures that we have planned for you this year. 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner' is our theme for this term. We will cover this topic through all areas of the curriculum working both in the classroom and using the outside environment to establish and make fantastic learning links and opportunities. We hope to take you on a journey through the past and present!

Geography and History

As geographers we will be investigating and finding out what features are found within our City of London. You can help by taking us on walks and pointing out places of interest in London. You can also talk to us about the different types of houses and amenities in our area. We will also be researching about significant historical events such as 'The Great Fire of London'.

English

Reading

As readers we will be continuing the work already started in year 1 and carrying on with reading our accelerated reader books and quizzing as frequently as possible. We have a variety of books to read this term which link to our topic. In addition to this, we will be enjoying a daily story time with our teacher to ensure we are exposed to as many texts as possible.

Writing

As writers we will have plenty of cross-curricular writing opportunities linked to the Great Fire of London and RE – festivals. We will also be completing lots of writing in our English lessons including letter writing, narrative and poetry. Our weekly spelling, and daily English lessons will help us to develop our stamina and provide us with opportunities to develop our writing.

Art and Design & Technology

As Artists we will further be exploring our topic on London and discovering Junk Modelling with Mrs Harper by designing and creating our own cardboard London Landmarks. In Design and Technology we will be learning all about and making bread. We will be learning about how to stay safe when cooking/handling food in a kitchen.

Computing

As publishers we will be creating our very own eBooks on the iPads using an app called Book Creator. We will learn how to add text, create drawings and how to record our voice.

After half term we will be making digital greetings cards in time for the festive holiday. We hope you enjoy what we produce.

Science

As scientists we will be exploring everyday materials. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass and metal. We will be describing their physical properties and comparing materials based on these. We will be able to identify materials that can change shape. We will also choose and compare materials for different purposes.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The maths topic changes weekly although there is a huge focus on number. We will look at the place value of numbers, sequences and counting. We will learn number facts e.g. number bonds to 10 and 20. We will carry out addition and subtraction too. We will also look at money, time, length, position, 2D shapes and data throughout the term. You can support us by allowing us to access the Times Table Rockstars and Numbots apps.

Music

As musicians we will be learning about 'Rap and Rhythm' with Mr Scorgie. We will be learning how to hear and move to a beat, whilst taking part in chants and rhymes. We will begin to copy certain rhythms in time to a beat, leading up to creating our own short, musical patterns.

Religious Education

In RE we will looking at Christianity and what it means to be a Christian. We will read stories linked to the Christian faith and think about how and what influences our own lives.

In the second half of the term, we will focus on festivals and in particular the Christmas story. Children will learn why these festivals are important to those who celebrate them and also how they are celebrated around the world.

PE

As sportsmen and women we will be developing core skills that are essential for most sports over the autumn term. We will have PE with our class teacher learning invasion games, and PE with the specialist PE teacher Mrs Newport, learning multi skills. Within multi skills we will develop our agility which involves changing direction at speed, balance, co-ordination and speed. All of these skills are essential for success within different game situations. We will also start to develop our evaluating skills of another sportsman/woman's performance and start to understand

PSHCE

PSHCE lessons help children develop and improve their well-being. This will be a focus during 'My Right to be Safe Week'. PSHCE stands for Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economics. Throughout this term we will be focusing on 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences.' Our children will learn to be proud of who they are and the importance of having respect for others.