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# Y2 NEWSLETTER



## Autumn Term 2016

### Welcome to Year 2

This newsletter tells you about what we will be learning during the Autumn term and lets you know about forthcoming events.

### Context for learning

This term our context for learning is 'The Great Fire of London'. Please encourage your child to bring in any books or relevant information about this topic. We plan to build on the children's knowledge and understanding through a variety of learning experiences. This will involve lots of research, speaking and listening and role play.

### Science

The topic this term is 'Uses of Everyday materials'. We will focus on identifying and comparing different materials by looking at their properties. We will also be using and improving our observation skills and learning how to collect and record information.

### Literacy

To begin with, we will focus on the children's knowledge of fiction and story books. The children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of texts, share their ideas and present stories using drama and actions. This will then form a basis for their own writing. The texts we will be reading include 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne and a range of fairy tales.

Later in the term we will also focus on different types of non-fiction writing, such as instructions. The term will also include poetry.

### Maths

We will be developing the children's Basic Maths skills and building on the Y1 Curriculum. This will involve lots of practical and written activities, and learning opportunities linked to real life. As the term progresses, the children will build on their knowledge of Number, Shape, Data and Calculation including times tables. We will also be focusing on applying these skills to problem solving.

### Other Subjects

#### PE

##### Outdoor

We will have outdoor PE on a **Tuesday**. Your child will need navy shorts, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Navy tracksuit bottoms and school jumpers can be worn in colder weather. Please remember a hair bobble for longer hair.

##### Indoor PE

Indoor PE will be on **Friday**. Your child will need navy shorts and a white round neck t-shirt.

##### Art

This term's Art focus is Drawing and Painting. The key skills we will be focusing on are creating different tones using light and dark, to show pattern and texture in their drawings and to mix colours to create all secondary colours.

### **Other Topics:**

#### DT

We will also be designing and making bread rolls in Design Technology (linked to our Context for Learning). We will also be linking this to our science unit about materials.

#### RE:

We will start the year with the 'Right and Wrong' unit which looks at Jewish and Christian beliefs about the 10 commandments. After half term we will be looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali.

## Home Learning

In addition to the weekly Reading Journal, Y2 children will be given a phonics activity to complete every week. This activity will support their learning for that week. Maths home learning will be set weekly on Mathletics. This task will either prepare the children for an upcoming topic, or consolidate work that they have already covered in class. On occasion, the children may also be given Science or topic activities. Please hand in any tasks by the following Wednesday.

Reading books will now be changed by the children (with support from adults). Please help the children to remember to change their book as soon as they have finished it. Please take note of the day at the top of your child's journal. This is the day your child's journal will be collected in by the class teacher.

The children should read with an adult every day. Each evening, please help your child to fill in their reading journal with the name of the book and the number of pages read. We also ask that you sign this entry.

## Reminders

### Jewellery

The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. Sleepers are also permitted, but no hoops as these may get caught and cause injury.

### Birthdays

Thank you for adhering to our 'no cake' or nuts policy regarding birthdays. We are happy for you to continue sending in small treats to celebrate birthdays and we ask that these are kept to one individually wrapped sweet per child.

## Requests

We would love to have parent readers to read with the children. Please see the separate parents reader letter for more information.



## Visits and events:

The children tell us each year that they really enjoy going on visits. This term we have an exciting trip planned to St Paul's Cathedral. This will support our learning in History, Art and Literacy. We are also lucky enough to have a theatre workshop visiting us to further support our History learning this term.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Year 2 Welcome Meeting: 15th September at 3.30**
- **European day of Languages Monday 26th September**
- **Theatre Workshop: Wednesday 28th September**
- **Individual photos: Tuesday 4th October**
- **Visit to St Pauls: Thursday 6th October**
- **London Fire Brigade visit-Wednesday 11th October**
- **INSET Day : Monday 14th October**
- **Open Morning: Tuesday 18th October**
- **Parents' Evening: Thursday 20th October**
- **Half Term: 24th October - 28th October**
- **Year 2 Assembly: Friday 4th November**