



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 2 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

*Why wouldn't the Great Fire of London happen again?*

*The Year 2 Team: Class teachers—Mrs Angyalova and Ms Dolan*

*Class TAs—Mrs Hussain and Ms Hackett*

## English

This term, we will be reading 'The Tunnel' by our Author Focus Anthony Browne and a version of Little Red Riding Hood. 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. Later in the term, we will also focus on different types of non-fiction writing, such as instructions.

## Maths

This term, we will cover a wide range of topics, including place value and addition and subtraction. This will involve lots of practical and written activities, and learning opportunities linked to real life. We will also be focusing on applying these skills to problem solving. Our times table focus will be the 10s, 5s & 2s.

## History

This term, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. Some of the knowledge and skills we will be learning are: identifying differences between the past and present; understanding the impact of an historical event and learning about significant historical figures. We are lucky enough to have a theatre workshop visiting us to further support our History learning.

## Science

This term, we will be learning about materials. This will include exploring different materials and how they bend, twist and stretch. The children will be carrying out experiments to answer scientific questions.

## DT

We will be linking our learning to our Great Fire of London topic we will be looking at different types of bread and then designing our own bread. This will involve the opportunity to taste our Creations!



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## Music

Year 2 will be having weekly sessions with Mr Prescott this term. We will be learning several songs on the glockenspiel and working towards our Grade 2 certificate. We learn about pitch, rhyme and melody.

## PE

During outdoor PE, we will be focusing on aiming, throwing and catching. Our indoor P.E is with a dance coach and will be linked to the Great Fire of London. We will be moving our bodies to music to show how the fire spread, making a Class routine. Our focus will be to explore the shape, movement and emotions we can show with our bodies.

## Art

This term our focus artist will be Van Gogh who will inspire our still life paintings, which will be based on the Great Fire of London. We will be mixing paints to create secondary colours. Our sketch books will be used to plan and review our work.

## Computing

This term we will look at ICT at school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. We will investigate how information technology improves our world, the children will learn about using information technology responsibly.

## RE

We will start the year with learning about Christianity and the teachings of Jesus. After half term, we will learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, we will be making Diva Lamps and creating Rangoli patterns.

## PSHE

In the Autumn term, we will be learning how to stay healthy, we will also be looking at the theme of friendship. Circle Time themes are dependent on the needs of the class but may include discussions around kindness, gratitude and positivity.

### Reminders

**Jewellery:** The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

**Uniform:** Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a **nut** and **sesame free school**. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto and hummus and any products with sesame seeds.

**Birthdays:** You are welcome to bring in a book for the class to read to celebrate your child's birthday.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

**Indoor PE:** 2RD and 2KA have dance on Tuesdays. Please remember your child needs a round-neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

**Outdoor PE:** for 2RD and 2KA is on Thursdays for which your child will need a white round-neck t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

### Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

**Mathletics:** This will be set each week on Friday.

**Big Cat books online and books from the class library:** We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ Carer).

**Phonics or spellings on Google Classroom:**

The class teacher will add links to websites and games on your Classroom.

The children have some **additional challenges** provided in the 'Take away tasks' Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

### Important dates



**Visit to Sydenham woods—Monday 10th October**

**Visit to St Paul's Cathedral—Wednesday 19th October**

**Half term**

**Monday 24th October –Friday 28th October**

**Last day of term**

**16th December**