



Year 2 Curriculum News

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English

This term we will be exploring non-fiction and fiction writing. We will be writing information leaflets, instructions and recounts and we will be exploring traditional tales from a variety of cultures. We will have a continued focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will use drama and role play to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will also be continuing to encourage the children to re-read their work to check it makes sense and to edit and improve their own work. The children will publish their work in a variety of formats. Children will continue to practise joining their handwriting. Please encourage your child to do this at

Maths

This term we will be learning about money, fractions, division through sharing and grouping, multiplication and statistics. We will continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Please practise addition and subtraction facts and number bonds to 20 at home. This will be our focus in mental maths activities.

You can help your child at home by counting different amounts of coins, adding money at the shops, cutting shapes and food items into halves, quarters and thirds, creating tally charts of favourite books etc at home.

Reading

Children must bring their book bags to school every day. Please **read with your child every day at home**. Children change their levelled books on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children who do not return a book, will not be allowed to choose a new one. Please keep books in book bags. Your child will also bring home a book from our new school library.

Theme

Our theme this term is 'London's Burning.' We will be finding out about the Plague of 1665 and The Great Fire of London of 1666.

Our Science topic is 'Materials Monster'. Throughout the term, the children will engage with their classroom 'Materials Monster', and will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of materials for particular uses. They will be using magnifying glasses and digital microscopes in their observations.

In Music, children will be learning traditional songs and rhymes. They will be planning their own performance of 'London's Burning,' combining singing, playing musical instruments and dance.

Art Lessons will focus on Printmaking. Children will use a variety of techniques and objects for printing on a range of surfaces. This term in RE, we will complete our learning about Christianity. The children will learn about the significance of a church or chapel as a place of worship for Christians.

PE Kit

Your child must bring a PE kit to school. This can be kept in a bag on their peg. Please make sure items are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

Your child must bring a change of clothes for PE. PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school doors open at 8.50 and registration is at 8.55am. **Learning begins at 9.00am.**

Please make sure you collect your child promptly at **3.20pm.**

It is very important that your child is in school on time every day or they miss valuable learning.

Trips and Visits

We will be visiting St Paul's Cathedral and the Museum of London this term. We will also be exploring our locality, by visiting a local church and making a follow up tree study visit to Railway Fields to explore seasonal changes