

 Autumn 2020

Year 2 Information Sheet

**Reminders:**

**P.E:** School provides all children with an indoor PE kit. However, children need to bring their own black pumps.
Please ensure only small stud earrings are worn to school and are taken out on PE days.
During the autumn term we will begin to learn to put a sequence of steps together to form a dance and in outdoor PE we will focus on ball skills.

## **Year 2**

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 **English**In English we will be focusing on consolidating skills learned in year 1 through story writing and instructions. We will read and compare different versions of traditional tales and write stories based on some of the tales we know linking to our autumn theme of “The Great Fire”. Our focus text will be “The Gingerbread Man”. Our learning will include; listening to, reading and performing stories then discussing and answering questions about the texts we have read. We will be investigating the characters, settings and the main events in stories before writing our own version with a twist. In our instruction writing, we will follow oral and written instructions to make our own gingerbread man before writing our own instructions. Children will continue to develop their knowledge of grammar, spelling and phonics, which will be taught as an integral part of all English lessons. Additionally there will be an emphasis to read and write common exception words for both year 1 and year 2 and this will include theme specific vocabulary.

**Maths**

Children will continue to consolidate number knowledge and maths skills learned in year 1 whilst developing mental maths skills, times tables and number bonds. Number and calculation skills will continue to be a focus of maths lessons. This term children will be:

* Investigating place value.
* Ordering and comparing numbers.
* Use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to calculate addition and subtraction
* Applying strategies to solve problems
* Investigating multiplication and division as grouping.
* Solving problems involving all four number operations.



Theme

This term our theme is “The Great Fire” where children will learn how Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole influenced modern day nursing alongside the main theme of “The Great Fire of London”. During our learning we will be focussing on the question “What impact did the great fire of London have?” We will learn about and compare modern day disasters such as the Australian bush fires and the fire at Notre-Dame to that of the great fire of London.

Science

In science this half term we will be learning about keeping healthy and why this is important. We will be investigating healthy and unhealthy foods as well as learning about the human life cycle. Our main objectives are to:

* Talk about and describe how to look after themselves – what foods are best to eat; why we need to exercise; why and how to rest.
* Make comparisons between themselves and people that are older and younger than them

**Diary Dates**

Half term: 26th October – 1st November

Christmas break: 21st December – 3rd January

PE is on a Thursday

Children should be dropped at the gate on Watt Street at 9am and collected at 3:10pm