

 Autumn 2021

Year 2 Information Sheet

**Reminders:**

**P.E:** P.E will be on a Thursday. Children will need to come to school in appropriate clothing for P.E, e.g. t-shirt, leggings/tracksuit and trainers.
Please ensure only small stud earrings are worn to school and are taken out on PE days.
During the Autumn 1 term we will be learning dance based around the gun powder plot and in Autumn 2 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 fire at Notre-Dame to that of the Great Fire of London.

**Science**

In Autumn 1 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. In Autumn 2 we will be learning about animals and their habitats. We will be focussing on minibeasts and will be making houses for minibeasts and hedgehogs.

**Diary Dates**

Half term: 23rd October – 2nd November

Christmas break: 18th December – 4th January

PE is on a Thursday

Bookbags should be returned on Wednesdays and will be sent home on Fridays.