

If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do.

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- Use age appropriate computer programmes (phonics play/ bug club– see class teacher for more details and sites)
- Take an interest in what they did at school.
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

PE Timetable:

Class 2A PE – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2B PE – Monday and Tuesday

Class 2C PE – Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure that you have accepted your child's teachers request on Class Dojo. If you need another invite sent please email the relevant class teacher using the email address below.

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress feel free to contact your child's teacher on our year group email – year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk.

English

In English this half term we are learning to write explanations. This will include using time connectives such as next, then and after. Children will learn how to sequence events chronologically and develop techniques to explain how and why something happens. We will be Reading The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark by Jill Tomlinson and The Pied Piper Of Hamelin. We will also be exploring information books about the Great Fire of London to enable children to create cross-curricular writing such as diaries and letters.

You may wish to take your child to the library to find out more about habitats.

Spelling and grammar will be taught each day. The children will be learning to join their handwriting.

We use www.phonicsplay.co.uk to reinforce phonics. Your child will be part of a weekly guided reading session with the class teacher.

Useful websites for phonics and reading:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk - **Bug club** – please see your child's reading diary for their username and password.

The Wider Curriculum

This half-term our topic is 'Fire! Fire!' where pupils will learn all about The Great Fire of London.

- ◆ In **History**, we will be learning about the key events that led up to The Great Fire of London and its aftermath.
- ◆ In **Design Technology**, we will be developing our design and making skills by creating a moving fire engine.
- ◆ In **Science**, we will be comparing and describing the properties of materials.
- ◆ In **Music**, we will be learning to sing songs as part of a group for our Christmas Nativity. We will be developing timing and learning to listen for others, with the opportunity to play accompanying instruments
- ◆ In **ICT**, we will be finding out how to create presentations online.
- ◆ In **RE**, we will be learning about special books and why different people have special books.
- ◆ In **PE**, we will be learning how to demonstrate control and balance in basic movements as well as improving our ball handling skills.

Maths:

In Mathematics this half term, we are learning how to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. We will focus on mental addition and subtraction and using methods such as partitioning the tens and ones. We will be adding and subtracting two digit numbers and also adding 3 single digits together. Children will be using money to solve problems and work out change. They will be learning to understand multiplication as equal groups.

School Jam

We have signed up to an app called School Jam. Please download the app and look for your child's username in their reading diary. Your child's teacher will be sending quick and fun maths activities for you to do at home with your child.

Numbots

We have signed up to Numbots which is an online game to help boost addition and subtraction skills. It can be played on: play.numbots.com. Please look in your child's reading diary for their password.