

### English

Our Power of Reading text this half term will be, Orion and The Dark by Emma Yarlett. In class we will be focusing on two different writing genres: Letter writing and narrative writing.

We will be writing a letter to Orion, the main character of our story, to give him advice and reassurance on his fears. For our narrative piece, we will be innovating our own ideas to create a narrative based on their own character and a fear. We will continue to focus on our spelling using our Year 2 spelling rules in order to produce our high-quality writing.

### Curriculum – History

This half term in Year 2, as Historians, we will be focusing on the question Why was the Fire of London 'Great'?

We will be exploring this question through looking at the timeline of events surrounding the Great Fire and looking at significant people such as Samuel Pepys and King Charles II.

We will also be researching into what changed in London after The Great Fire for such an event to never take place again.

### Maths

In Summer 1, Year 2 will be learning about fractions, and time. We will be focusing on reasoning and problem solving within these topics as well to deepen the skills we are learning. As always, at the beginning of our lessons, we will be using our Quick Maths sheets to develop our arithmetic skills and DNAs to recall and retain past learning.

### Home Reading

Please continue to share both the love of reading books with your child. Encourage them to read their reading book 5 times per week, focusing on building fluency, expression and comprehension. Reads will be counted every Thursday .

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### Spelling and Handwriting

Please continue to support your child to practise their spellings and handwriting. All Bramble Class should be using lead-ins and joins for each letter. We will continue to practise this daily in class.

### Science

This half term, Year 2 will investigate plants. The children will deepen their knowledge, following on from their Year 1 learning We will be looking at the germination process of a plant and what plants need to grow. We will continue to observe the seasonal changes happening around us.

### Our PE Days

Bramble Class will usually have PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school that day. Long hair should be tied back, and earrings removed as outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website.

### Homework

Each week the children will be given homework to develop and to reinforce learning within the classroom. Please return these to school every Thursday. Remember that any pupil led ideas, work and out of school achievements will be welcomed and celebrated!

### Wider Curriculum

ICT – Digital Literacy (E-Safety)

PSHE – Relationships

Music – Friendship Song.

PE – Outdoor athletics (Sports Day) and Cricket

Trip to Life boat station – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.