



Orion Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! Our topic for this term is 'London'. Through our geography and history, we will find out some facts about London now, the Great Fire of London, Samuel Pepys and his famous diary and also, the deadly plague. Teaching in Orion Class this year will be Miss Unsworth (Monday – Thursday,) Mrs Fletcher (Friday) and Mrs Lowther and Mrs Stewart support in class all week.

Please help your child to remember to bring their **reading record** and **reading book** into school. We hear children read daily during our guided reading sessions but also try to hear them read their home reading books where possible. We will be changing children's home reading groups on certain days to ensure it is manageable and no children are being missed. Please look out for your child's day on Class Dojo and help us by ensuring their reading book is in school on that day. Please try to ensure that your child is reading **at least 3 times a week at home** so they can practise the skills they are learning in school and this will really boost their progress.

Mrs Lowther or Mrs Stewart will be on the gate each morning so that I can be in class with the children to start teaching straight away, however if you do wish to speak to me, please ask and I will come to the gate.

Miss Unsworth

PSHE

This term we will be learning about relationships, friendships, family and respecting ourselves.

P.E

Our P.E. lessons are on Wednesday (with Miss Unsworth) and Friday (with Mrs Jones). Please make sure your child is wearing a P.E. kit in school on those days. This is black trousers (leggings or tracksuit bottoms) white t-shirt, red hoodie or children can wear a school cardigan or jumper.

ENGLISH

This half term, we will be reading and learning the story 'The Jolly Postman'. We will then be using this to write our own story called 'The Jolly Milkman'. We will continue to focus on writing simple and compound sentences that are punctuated with capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks or question marks. We will continue to do phonics and spelling at 9:10am every morning so it is crucial children are in school on time.

MATHS

In maths, we use the Red Rose Mastery scheme for all children. Please support your child at home by speaking positively about maths, thinking about when we use maths in real life, counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10.

OPAL

Children are allowed to bring wellies for outside play and must bring a coat every day because we will be playing out.

CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is the easiest way to contact us and get a reply on the same day. Please contact Miss Unsworth (Monday-Thursday) or Miss Fletcher (Friday)