

History

This term we will be learning about **The Great Fire of London**. We will be thinking about what London was like and why the fire spread so quickly. We will also look at historical evidence and how we know so much about the fire from the diary of Samuel Pepys. We will then link this to a more local event and think about 'The Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle.'

ICT

This term we will investigate and discuss online safety and its importance. We will begin to use simple code to make an object move.

English

Traditional and fairy tales - looking closely at character and setting descriptions and writing our own using powerful adjectives.

Non-chronological reports - thinking about non-fiction texts and writing a report based on a topic we are familiar with.

Poems on a theme - looking at the features of a poem. Working on our oracy to perform short, familiar poems.

Different stories by the same author - enjoying stories by one author and looking at the features they use.

We will be having a big focus on letter formation and presentation, as well as checking our work to ensure we have used basic punctuation consistently. We will be continuing with Sounds Write to support with reading fluency.

PE (Mondays and Fridays)

Dance - Working as a group to combine a set of movements to make a group dance. Performing confidently with clear movements.

Multi skills - Using a variety of equipment in the context of simple games.

Music

Our topics are - **Hey You** and **Ho Ho Ho**. We will be listening and appraising different musical styles. We will learn some songs to perform with confidence.

SCIENCE: Topics this term have a biology focus - **Plants**. We will learn that some plants grow from bulbs and others from seeds. We will look further into the different conditions a plant needs to grow and what happens if the plant does not have everything it needs. **Living Things**. We will learn about different habitats and the types of plants and animals we would find there. We will learn about food chains.

RE

Our three topics we will explore this term are: **Beginnings, Signs and Symbols and Preparations**. Pupils will consider how Christian belief impacts on actions and children will read different scripture to support each topic. Children will have opportunities to share their own opinions and experiences and to ask and answer questions about Christian beliefs.

PSHE

Created and Loved by God explores the individual. We will think about what makes us unique and special. We will talk about how our bodies are a special gift from God and how to take care of them properly by staying clean and healthy.

Welcome to Year 2!

I am delighted to welcome the children back to school and into their new classroom. We will have a fun but very busy year! I am very excited for the year ahead.

Mrs Ruggeri



Maths

Using the *White Rose Maths Scheme* this term we will focus on the place value of numbers and different ways to represent 2-digit numbers, to ensure this knowledge is secure. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, using different practical resources to support our learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take the time to read your child's newsletter as it contains lots of useful information about the forthcoming weeks.

Attendance - We are continuing improve our attendance and would appreciate your support in this. Please contact school if you have any queries or require any support regarding attendance or punctuality.

Dates for diaries - Please refer to the Autumn term dates for all the upcoming events.

Homework - The children will be given spellings and reading at home as homework each week to consolidate/reinforce what they have been working on in class. Please contact me, at any time, if you have any concerns with the homework. Please try and ensure your child reads 3 times a week and this is recorded in their reading journal.

Uniform - A reminder that earrings and other jewellery should not be worn at any time for health and safety reasons. Nail varnish and stick on tattoos are also prohibited. Long hair should be tied back.

PE - Please ensure a full PE kit is provided. All items should be non-branded and names must be in every garment to prevent loss. PE for Year 2 is on Monday and Friday each week. Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days.

A member of staff will be present on the school yard each morning to discuss any issues and pass on messages to other staff members. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ruggeri

Y2 teacher