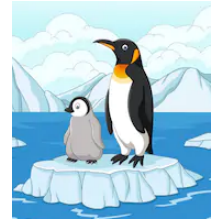




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## Year 2 Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and New Year! A huge thank you to everyone for our lovely Christmas cards and gifts, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Our topic this term is Fire and Ice. We will be researching and re-enacting the events of the Great Fire of London, making Tudor houses and writing different types of texts. We will end the term by focusing on somewhere in the world with a cold climate. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us at the end of the school day.

Key dates:

**Y2 Trip to the fire station – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Letters to follow)**

Miss Annese & Mrs Atkinson

### Curriculum Topics

**English:** Your child will continue to have **spelling** lessons, as well as a **weekly** spelling list. We will continue to perfect our use of joined **handwriting** in regular sessions. This term we will have the opportunity to write for a number of different purposes. We will be using the Year 2 checklist to edit and improve our work on a regular basis. Our **grammar and punctuation** focus will be using a range of punctuation and apostrophes in words of contracted forms and for possession.

**Maths:** This term we will begin with **multiplication** and **division** methods. We will begin to sequence time, learn o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times using an analogue and digital clock. As the half term progresses we will look at **fractions** and solve lots of different mathematical problems.

**RE:** We will cover the topic of **Christmas** looking at the **Epiphany**, the annunciation and the journeys of the wise men to Bethlehem. Then we will follow on with **Lent** and **Holy Week**.

**Science:** Children will have the opportunity to work scientifically through asking and answering questions, observing, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data. We will be focusing on animals and changing materials.

**History:** We will be looking at the events of **The Great Fire of London** and investigating and making comparisons at that time.

**Geography:** We will look at Antarctica as a cold climate.

**Art/DT:** Children will be using a range of techniques and skills to create artwork based on the Great Fire of London.

**PE:** Our PE focus this half term will be **Dance** and **Team games**.

**Topic:** Our new topic will be Fire and Ice. You will receive a topic related word bank to support your child in understanding the vocabulary linked to our new topic. Please take time to go through this vocabulary with your child and explain any unknown meanings.



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### General Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has his/her **PE kit & Wellies** in school on the days mentioned below and that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled, including any uniform, hats, scarves and gloves. **It is your child's responsibility to look after their own belongings.**  
**Year 2 Oak** – PE on Mondays and Thursdays, Forest school Friday  
**Year 2 Pear** - PE on Tuesday and Wednesday, Forest School Friday
- For your child's continued progression in reading, please ensure you **read every night** at home. On the days your child does not bring a new book please re-visit the same book and discuss characters, settings, predict what may happen next, talk about word choices etc.
- *Please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.*
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school to keep in class. As part of our Healthy Eating initiative children are only permitted **water** in the classroom. Snacks will be available to purchase at a cost of 30p per item. Please ensure all money is kept in a named purse. Thank you for your continued support.
- *Please note the school has a very informative website where newsletters, homework and extra information can be found. Check the Year 2 page on class pages.*  
<http://www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk/>