

September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned. We hope that the information below helps you to support your child over this coming term.

Reading:

Over the course of this term the children will be covering the following objectives:

- I can draw on what I already know
- I can draw on information from an adult
- I can understand a flow chart
- I can read for information
- I can read poems and find patterns and repeated language

This will be done through English lessons, guided reading sessions at school and reading homework. You can help at home by listening to your child read a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction books, asking questions and discussing the story/information.

Writing:

In writing throughout all subjects it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script. In our writing lessons over the next term we will be learning to write:

- A story set in a familiar place
- An information text
- A flow chart
- A patterned poem

We will cover the following grammar objectives:

- I can using singular and plural verbs correctly
- I can write extended sentences using coordinating conjunctions
- I can write a list using commas
- I can write statements
- I can write sentences using stylistic devises

You can help at home by encouraging your child to practise writing extended sentences, using a range of punctuation and conjunctions. Spellings is also an important part, please help your child learn to spell the list of common exception words, making sure they apply the correct spelling in their writing.

Mathematics:

This term our maths will be focussed on the objectives of:

- I can count up to 100
- I can find odd and even patterns
- I know number bonds to 20
- I can recognise tens and ones

- I can use a place value chart
- I can partition numbers to 100
- I can write numbers to 100 in words
- I can compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes
- I can identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- I can sort shapes giving a reason
- I can make patterns using 2D and 3D shapes

You can help at home by practising quick recall of addition and subtraction facts and counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. Play practical games involving time, money, measures and shape. Please practise with the homework set weekly.

Science: We will be studying the topics of Animal Growth. We will be exploring human and animal life cycles, how our needs change as we get older. We will also be exploring animal survival, food, exercise and hygiene.

Computing: This term we will be using the computer to create art in the style of pointillism, patterns and impressionism. We will also be reviewing and creating our own spreadsheets and then using these to help us create tables and block graphs on the computer.

Geography: We will be exploring our wonderful world. Through this we will be learning lots of facts about the continents and oceans. We will be using a range of atlases, globes and maps in order to help us.

History: Our topic is about the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring the events of the great fire as well as examining evidence and considering how we know what happened.

Art: Our art topic is all about colour. We will be exploring colour choices, mixing our own colours and looking at a variety of painting and printing techniques. Through this we will look at the work of famous artists like Mondrian and Kandinsky.

DT: We will be exploring different vehicles and linking this to our work on the Great Fire of London. The children will explore different building materials and use this to design and create their own fire engine that has moving parts to it.

Music: The children will be introduced to musical instruments where we will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch through listening to the songs 'Hands, heart and feet' and 'Ho Ho Ho' and playing musical games linked to these songs.

Physical Education: We will be learning about invasion games and we will be going swimming. The children will develop their understanding of the basic and fundamental principles of invasion games such as attacking, defending, scoring and teamwork. In swimming, they will be developing their confidence in water, their ability to float and learning to swim some basic strokes.

RE: We will be learning about kindness. We shall explore and re-tell Bible stories that show kindness and look at how this makes Christians behave towards other people. We will also be looking at the importance of Christmas and considering different reasons for why Jesus was born.

Please support your child with their home learning (See Homework Policy on our website) and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by some visits or

places of interest linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

We will, also be keeping in touch with Class News each week.

Kind regards,

Miss Benjamin

Class Teacher