



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2016 ~ TERMS 3 AND 4

We have had a fantastic autumn term learning all about ‘How Can We Be Superheroes?’ and ‘Where In The World?’ and we’re now moving on to more exciting activities this spring.

2A—Miss Bowman and Mrs West

2TC—Mrs Taylor, Mrs Catchpole, Miss Stafford and Mrs Flenley

2W—Mr Williams and Mrs Edwards

We also have the following adults supporting in Year 2 this term:

Mrs Gregson, Miss Ellis, Mrs Ashenhurst.

School Routines and Equipment

Please ensure your child brings their book bag, a coat and a water bottle to school each day.

Monday—2W PE

Tuesday—2A PE

Wednesday—2W Forest School

Friday— 2TC PE. Merit Mark Assembly at 2.45pm. Homework set and collected in.

Changes to Home Learning

Link Books

Please only use the link books to inform the teacher of anything you feel the teacher needs to be informed about. If not already doing so, please record all **reading** at home in the reading diary, rather than the link book.

Homework

From this term, the children’s English homework will now focus on reading comprehension activities. This will begin from Friday 20th January. Please encourage the children to read the text independently and answer the question in full sentences. Feel free to help your child, but please record any support given.

Times Tables Tests

This term, we will be commencing with times tables tests for the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. These will be tested on Fridays. The first test on Friday 20th January will be on the 2x tables.

Key Dates

Wednesday 25th January: 2W Class Assembly

Wednesday 22nd February: Year 2 Coffee Morning

Friday 24th March: Reports Out

Wednesday 29th March: Parent Evening

Our Topics

Term 3 - ‘Fire, Fire!’

This term, we are learning about The Great Fire of London. The children have already been comparing London in the past and present day, will have had a visit from ‘Google Expeditions’ where they will explore modern day London and have enjoyed imagining they were escaping the Great Fire and were writing a letter to a loved one. Throughout the term, we will continue to learn about the events of 1666, including how the fire started, how we found out about it and what changes were made afterwards. We are hoping to end the term with a re-enactment of the fire itself!



English - We have started the term by writing letters about The Great Fire of London. We will be writing a non-chronological report about the fire, focussing on the houses of the time, fighting the fire and how London recovered afterwards.

Maths - We have started this term covering place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be covering fractions, statistics and properties of shape.

Science - This term we are being scientific investigators! We have started learning about Charles Macintosh and his invention of the waterproof coat. The children will be planning their own investigation based on testing different materials for their waterproofing properties.



Term 4 - ‘Green Shoots and Mucky Boots’

Next term we will be exploring plants, growing and the great outdoors. We will be on the hunt for minibeasts in their habitats, learning the story of Wind in the Willows and making models of our own minibeasts.



English - We will be writing narratives based on Wind in the Willows, instruction writing and poetry.

Maths - During the term we will be counting and comparing numbers, while also covering time, money, measures, multiplication and division.

Science - We will be learning about how plants reproduce and grow into mature plants. The children will be investigating conditions required for a plant to grow healthily.



Parent or grandparent helpers!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped us in school this term, we really value your support. If any other adults would like to help, please see you child’s class teacher.