

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2 and the beginning of an exciting new school term! We are so happy to be back at school and are really looking forward to the coming year. In this newsletter you will find an overview of the topics and activities we will be covering this half term.

Reading

Children will have guided reading sessions with an adult twice a week. On their guided reading day, they will bring home the book we have read together and another phonics book to read to you. Children benefit enormously from re-reading books several times to build up speed and fluency so these books will only be changed once a week. Children can also choose books from the book corner whenever they wish to do so. Each child has a reading record book for parents/carers to note when they have read with their child and any comments about their child's reading. Please ensure that this remains in your child's bookbag, as your comments can be very helpful to adults reading with your child at school. It will be checked each week and stamped by an adult.

Homework

In Year 2, homework mainly consists of reading and practicing any common exception words your child may be given. In addition to this, children will be given a maths homework book to help them consolidate their learning. Please complete one activity a week and bring the booklet back to school in the last week of term. Occasionally, children may be asked to carry out some simple research connected to our topic work in DT, Geography or Science.

P.E

P.E with Michael takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child wears suitable clothing and trainers on these days. We also ask that you bring spare clothes in a bag to put on their peg in case a change of clothes is needed. During cold weather please provide tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Becca, Madge and Nasima

**This term we will be learning all about our capital city through our topic
'London Calling!'**



English

We will be revising the children's letter/sound recognition through daily phonics sessions. The children will enjoy a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic to inspire their writing. Daily handwriting sessions will support the children to write with greater fluency of movement and will introduce them to cursive script.

Maths

We will begin this term by concentrating on the place value of numbers to 100. We will then move on to learning about addition and subtraction, specifically adding and subtracting 1s and 10s. You can support your child by helping them learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Geography

We will be learning about the United Kingdom and building up to being able to answer the question: 'What makes up the United Kingdom?'

Science

The children will be learning about different materials and focusing on the question: 'How have materials that we use changed over time?'

R.E

We will focus on Christianity and answer the question: 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'

P.S.H.E

Our value for this half term is 'Resilience' and we will also be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy both physically and mentally.

P.E

The children will work with Michael to develop their fundamental skills, focusing on ball skills using their feet.

Music

We will be listening to music and learning to identify musical elements through our song 'Hands, Feet, Heart'.

Computing

Children will be learning how to create a game using 'Scratch', an online resource through which they can program their own interactive stories, games and animations.

DT

We will be focusing on mechanisms by designing and making a London bus.

Spanish

The children will be introduced to basic Spanish phrases and will begin to learn Spanish vocabulary through songs and games.

The children will also take part in daily mindfulness sessions.