

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

Welcome to Year 2!

Welcome back after the Summer holidays, we hope you had a lovely time with your family and friends. Your teacher this year is Miss. Roberts and we are very lucky to be working with Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Weekes too.

PE

Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday. Children will need a named kit in school at all times. We send kit home each half term to get washed. If your child is unable to take part in PE for medical reasons please let us know so we can plan an alternative PE activity for them.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Each week we will send home a Learning Log task and a piece of Numeracy. Homework is due back by Wednesday.

Spelling lists will be sent home every Friday, please practise these spellings with your child over the weekend.

Please read with your child as often as possible, every day if you can. Please write a comment in the yellow diary eg. Did they enjoy it? How well are they blending? Could they retell the story? Could they discuss the character's behaviour? If you don't have time to write a comment at any stage, please just sign to say you have read with them. Comprehension is a fundamental aspect of reading so please ask as many 'How do you know?' and 'Why do you think?' questions.

The more practice your child gets, the quicker your child will become fluent. We will change your child's reading book twice a week and we will read with them at least once a week. Please keep the reading book and yellow reading diary in their book bag and send it in every day. We want to encourage reading for pleasure and to promote a love of reading, whether that's a book written by their favourite author, a comic, a sport's magazine or non-fiction book about their favourite hobby or animal. Let's make reading fun and relevant!

Enrichment

This term we will be visited by the Fire Brigade and the children will have the opportunity to board an engine and try out the hoses.



Fire! Fire!



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Fire! Fire! Is a topic based on the historical event of the Great Fire of London. The children will learn about what happened and why and consider fire safety in the home.

In **computing** we will be learning about how to use technology safely. Children will learn how to send emails, visit safe sites, search for information. We will also learn how to make a collage using the iPad app 'Pic Collage'



In **English** we will be writing narratives about personal experiences, poetry and real events for a variety of different purposes. We will be developing the skills of drafting, proof reading and editing. The children will be taught how to write using cursive script and how to spell common suffixes and common exception words. In reading we will teach the children how to retrieve information, infer and deduce. We have a text-based approach to Literacy and we will be reading the familiar stories *Willy the Wimp*, *Willy the Champ* and *Little Beauty* that explore friendship and bravery. Linked to our topic on the UK, we will read *The Queen's Knickers* and *The Kiss that Missed*. We will be writing Bonfire poems and towards Christmas we will be studying Christmas adverts and the text *Lost and Found*.



In **Maths** we will be counting forwards and backward in ones up to and across 100. We will be investigating partitioning and place value, and will look at the value of each digit in a 2 digit number. We will solve addition calculations involving tens and ones, and will practise using number bonds to solve a variety of addition problems. We will then apply this knowledge to solving subtraction calculations and missing number problems. After half term we will look at money; recognising coins and solving practical problems involving change. We will also look at multiplication calculations and counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

In **Geography** we will be learning about the four countries of the UK: England, N. Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will locate them on a map and identify the characteristics of each county and the surrounding seas. In the second half term we will focus on London as we explore the historical event of 'The Great Fire of London'

In **History** we will learn about the significant historical events: The Great Fire of London, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We will be learning about significant historical people such as Samuel Pepys and Guy Fawkes.



In **R.E** we will be learning about the Christian story of Creation. Children will learn about the Christian sacrament of baptism and the Story of Christmas.

In **P.E** (Games) we will learn how to travel and how to send and receive a ball effectively. In Gymnastics we will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination. With our specialist dance teacher, the children will learn how to perform dances using simple movements/patterns.

In **Music** we will learn 'London's Burning' as a round and a range of traditional songs from the UK.



In **Art** we will learn how to do simple colour mixing. We will use these skills to paint a picture of The Great fire of London.

In **DT** we will be making a range of traditional foods from the 4 countries in the UK.



In **Science** we will have a weekly focus on seasonal change- tracking weather and the changes in plants. Our main topic is Materials. We will name and identify the properties of different common materials and conduct an experiment to consider the suitability of materials.