



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn term 2018



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your summer holidays. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

### **English**

This term we will be looking at non-chronological reports and poems on a theme. We will produce a variety of text types based on these. In the second half of the term we will be focussing on traditional tales and writing instructions.

### **Science**

Our first topic this term is 'Habitats' where we will be focusing on what they are and the different kinds of habitats we can find. Following on from this, we will be studying 'Materials'. We will carry out practical investigations throughout the term, thinking about how to carry out a fair test.

### **Geography**

After the half term, we will be introducing mapping skills to the children. We will be looking at the different types of maps, reading a map and understanding the features of a map. Children will produce their own map.

### **PSHCE**

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topic is identifying people, places and things that keep us safe, followed by managing different feelings.

### **In Year 2 we expect children to:**

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record every day.
- Practise their times tables and the inverse.
- Complete their homework on time.
- Practise their handwriting, spellings every week.
- Take responsibility for their learning.

### **Maths**

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports. We will place a strong focus on number, place value, addition and subtraction. Children should continue practicing their 2's, 5's and 10 times tables.

### **History**

In the first half of the Autumn term, we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at how London was different in the 1600s, how the fire started and describe how Pudding Lane has changed since the fire. We will also be looking at key historical figures.

### **Computing**

This half term we will be focussing on programming and film. The children will learn about algorithms and how to use a green screen. The children will be producing a green screen video and an algorithm relating to the great fire of London.

### **RE**

In RE we will be building on our knowledge of special days and places by looking at special food. We will explore the different types of food in different cultures with a focus on 'langar'. In every RE lesson there will always be a grammar focus.

### **REMINDER**

**Spellings Homework** is sent home on Tuesdays/Wednesdays. They should use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a Monday and left in all week. Children should take it home on Friday to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 2 team if you have any questions.