

Year 2 Curriculum
Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you had an enjoyable break! This letter is to keep you informed about the work children will be doing in our busy spring term.

Theme - The Big Smoke

This term we will be exploring our locality of Coventry, as well as looking at London. This theme mainly focuses on developing the children's skills as artists, however, will also develop their skills as historians, geographers and designers. The children will also get to learn about the Great Fire of London and we will hopefully be getting the Fire Service in to school for a demonstration.



English

English work this term focuses on:

- Instruction texts
- Re-telling stories
- Information text
- Character descriptions
- Recounts
- Poetry
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Within this written work, the focus will be on taking the children's writing forward by encouraging them to extend their vocabulary choices and use exciting adjectives to enhance descriptions. They will also learn how to extend simple sentences by using conjunctions such as 'because', 'but' and 'so'. We shall continue to encourage the children's enthusiasm and independence when writing. They will be learning to spell with common spelling patterns and irregular High Frequency words.

Mathematics

Maths lessons will include; counting up to 100 and beyond; counting on or back in ones, twos, threes, fives and tens from any number. We will also be focusing on place value; ordering numbers; addition and subtraction including money problems; times tables for 10, 2, 5 & 3; and 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be solving problems and focusing on preparing for SATS. We will be doing weekly arithmetic sessions and practising different ways to answer the questions. The children will be taught written methods to help them work out answers.



Religious Education - RE



This term the children will learn about being respectful and understanding towards different faiths and they will have a particular focus on Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.



Easter- New Life

Children will learn how and why Christians celebrate Easter.



Physical Education - PE

In PE this term's activities will focus on gymnastics, games and dance skills. Can we please ask you to support this vital area of the curriculum by helping children to bring the correct changes of clothes to school on a Monday and Friday for these sessions.

Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE



We will continue to use the Jigsaw scheme and our topics for this term will be 'Dreams & Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. The first topic we will be learning about is 'Dreams and Goals' and this will focus on children's personal goals and what they want to be when they are older.

During Spring 2 we will learn about 'Healthy Me', where we will explore what different things keep us healthy and how we maintain this.

Science

The Apprentice Gardner and what's in your habitat?

In Science, the children will be studying two units of work. Firstly, we will continue looking at 'The Apprentice Gardner'. The children will learn about how to identify and classify seeds, will learn the best conditions for plants to grow, and will learn how to care for a plant and notice how it changes. In the second half term, we will be learning all about 'What's in your habitat?'. During this topic we will explore the living thing, including plants and animals.

Homework



The 'POWER Project' will be given out this term and will have open-ended activities relating to our creative curriculum theme, the hand in date will be 1st April. All children must try and read at home at least three times per week - please could you record this in their reading diary. It is important that reading books and diaries are in school every day so that adults in school can hear them read and change their book when necessary. Please can you focus on asking your children various comprehension questions about the text they are reading as we will be having a huge emphasis on this in school too.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 2 Class Teachers