

NEWSLETTER

Year 2
Autumn 2019



Welcome to Class 2!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you have had some time to enjoy some sunshine over the holidays and that all the children are now raring to go!

Here is our Autumn term newsletter which provides details of this term's curriculum activities.

This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our topic '**Fire and Ice**'.

Sports and Forest School

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week. They will have their sessions on a Tuesday and a Friday. We will be focussing on games skills, gymnastics and yoga techniques.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/PE kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), **red** shorts and black pumps, (please check the size!). PE kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt and trainers) will also be required.

Forest School will continue each **Wednesday**. A reminder that pupils should be dressed in appropriate clothing with wellies, waterproofs and warm gloves and hats during the cold weather. Pupils not wearing the appropriate clothing will not participate for their own safety.

Homework Information

We do ask the children to do a small amount of homework.

Homework timetable:

Monday:	Times tables (Starting after half term) Reading
Tuesday:	Reading
Wednesday:	Reading
Thursday:	Mathematics books for the following Monday. Reading
Friday:	Spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. Reading.

Book change days and messages

Changing books will take place on a **Monday**. In Year 2, the children will now be responsible for changing their books and will be able to take 2 books at a time. If they complete their books and demonstrate their understanding of what they have read, then there will also be an opportunity to change their books on a Thursday. Books will not be changed unless an adult has recorded that the whole book has been completed. Please write any messages in your child's reading record and **ask your child to hand it to us in the morning**.

Topics – Years 2

This term our topic is called 'Fire and Ice'.

ENGLISH: We will be studying stories in familiar settings, traditional tales, performing drama activities, writing letters and exploring information texts. We will also be exploring poetry to use as models for our own writing. Throughout this term we will be looking at reading for understanding and answering comprehension questions. Phonics, handwriting and spelling work will be continuous throughout the term.

HISTORY: Initially we will be exploring the events of the Great Fire of London and key facts and people. We will then move on to the events of the Titanic.

GEOGRAPHY: The children will use maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries. They will use simple compass direction and look at the journey of the Titanic. Pupils will locate London on a map and look closely at the city and how it has changed over time.

SCIENCE: To begin with the children will be looking at living things and their habitats. This learning will also be supported through their weekly forest school session. During this term the children will also learn about materials and their properties and this will be linked to our topic.

MATHEMATICS: The pupils will use reasoning for problem solving. They will begin to use written methods of calculation using all four operations and data handling. We will begin with place value of numbers and then move on to addition and subtraction.

ART: We will be studying the works of Henri Matisse. We will also be developing our sketching skills and exploring different media through collage work linked to our topics.

RE: We will explore the festival of Harvest and give thanks for everything we have. We will also discuss our collective worship themes regularly and discuss the importance occasions for different religions. Our main focus within lessons will be focussing on how we should care for others and the world, and why it matters.

ICT: The children will develop their research skills using the ipads and chrome books. The importance of Internet safety will be taught throughout the year.

PSHE: We will be identifying and discussing our feelings and emotions. We will talk together about things that make us happy. They will be setting goals and looking at their achievements. We will be talking about the importance of families and how they are all different. They will be describing what makes a good friend and learn skills to help resolve arguments in a positive way.

MUSIC: We will look at exploring pitch and using percussion instruments. This term we will also be learning to use our voices effectively for our Christmas production.

TITANIC PROJECT REQUEST: After half term, the pupils will be making their own room from the Titanic. If you have bought new school shoes or trainers, please keep the box somewhere safe ready to be sent in to school at a later date! Scraps of wallpaper, tissue paper, wrapping paper etc. will also be very much appreciated!

We are looking forward to a fun packed term with lots of hard work and high expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that may arise or you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smith and Mrs Carson

