

NEWSLETTER

Year 2
Autumn 2020



Welcome to Class 2!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you have spent some lovely time with your families over the holidays. It is lovely to welcome you all back and we look forward to the year ahead.

Here is our Autumn term newsletter which provides details of this term's curriculum activities. Due to the fluid situation things may be subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep you informed.

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 **Monday** and a **Friday**. We will be focussing on games skills, gymnastics and yoga techniques.

Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on their designated PE days. The children may wear their summer or winter PE kits with appropriate footwear. Extra items should not be brought into school.

Forest School will take place fortnightly on a **Wednesday**. A reminder that pupils should be dressed in their school top and jumper. However, they should wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms to keep warm and protect themselves. Appropriate clothing with wellies, waterproofs and warm gloves and hats during the cold weather is necessary. 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. This will commence from week 3 (14th September).

Homework timetable:

Monday:	Reading
Tuesday:	Reading
Wednesday:	Reading
Thursday:	Mathematics books for the following Monday. Reading
Friday:	Spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. Reading.

Further information:

Changing of reading books will take place on a **Monday only**. The children will have **one reading book** to read per week. Reading books will be sent home on Monday 14th September. The pupils will not be bringing a reading record home as this will remain in school.

Maths books will be sent out Thursday 17th September. These books must then be handed in the following Monday for marking. Unfortunately books handed in after this date will not be marked.

Spellings will be uploaded on to the school website each Friday and this will begin on Friday 18th September. Pupils will be tested in school each Friday. Their first test will therefore be on Friday 25th September.

Topics – Years 2

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

ENGLISH: We will begin the term with a whole school text, 'Here We Are' and writing information guides for those visiting our planet. We will also be studying stories in familiar settings, traditional tales, 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 fortnightly 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 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 of 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 initially be following a recovery curriculum which will help settle the children back into our school day. 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.

We are looking forward to getting to know and working with your children. Please message any queries via email through the school office.

Yours sincerely

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