

Class 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Class 2. I hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break! I am looking forward to the new challenges that Year 2 has to offer. This newsletter is to inform you of what your child will be experiencing and learning in Year 2.

Topic

Our topic for this term is An Eye on London. We shall be exploring what multicultural London is like today and also what it was like in the past. Some of the areas we shall be covering are The Great Fire of London, Guy Fawkes, fire safety, designing and making a double-decker bus and creating posters and leaflets about London using ICT and the stories of Paddington Bear. If you have any links with London or have interesting information or books that we could borrow that would help us learn more about our topic, we would love to borrow them. As next year is the London Olympics, this gives us a brilliant opportunity to learn more about this. We will be inviting you to a mini Olympics where you can come and cheer on your child. Further information about this will be sent out as soon as possible. We will be going on a trip to Ford Green Hall on Thursday 6th October and a letter and permission slip will be sent out as soon as possible.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of different fiction and non-fiction texts, including stories, instructions and poems. We will be developing the children's writing by improving their use of vocabulary and punctuation. The children will also be continuing with the RML phonics scheme to develop their reading and spelling skills. At the beginning of Year 2 each child will have a spelling assessment and they will be given a list of spellings from the key word spelling list. The children will be tested on their spellings every other week which gives them time to practice the words at home.

Numeracy

The children will be working with numbers to 100 any beyond and solving addition and subtraction questions. They will also be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, using measuring equipment and will start learning their times tables. To help your child at home you could practise numbers up to 100 and beyond and mental addition/subtraction up to 20.

Science

This half term the children will be exploring electricity. They will firstly learn about electricity and when it can be dangerous. Then they will explore how to connect a circuit and to finish the topic they will make either a fire alarm or a flashing light using a circuit containing a buzzer or a bulb. We also have a visit from Rugeley Power Station for the children to look at Rainbow Circuits. After half term we shall be looking at materials. They will distinguish between man-made and natural materials and explore how materials change when they are heated or cooled.

PE

We shall be having a half an hour slot of Leap into Life every day except Friday. The children will not always use their P.E. kits for these lessons but they will need their kit in school as we sometimes have time for extra P.E sessions. Please could you make sure that your child's kit is labelled as it makes it so much easier to return if it gets mislaid or lost! Could you also please make sure that if your child wears earrings that they are removed for all of these lessons otherwise they will not be able to take part.

Homework and Reading

Each Friday the children will be given a piece of Numeracy or Literacy homework which will be due in on a Monday. Please support your child and encourage them to complete it, as it is good preparation for Key stage 2. If for any reason your child can not complete the homework then do not hesitate to come and see me. The children have been given reading books to read at home. Please put a comment in their reading record book after you have listened to them read. The children will be read with in school, normally on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure that the children have their books in school everyday as we often have extra reading sessions.

SATs

In May your child will be completing a series of assessments called SATs. These take the form of tasks and tests in Writing, Reading and Numeracy, and they are used to track the progress of your child. The children complete these activities in small groups under relaxed conditions as this ensures that no added pressure is put on the children. I encourage parents to continue this ethos at home to avoid unnecessary worry for the children, and as long as we work together then your child will achieve their full potential. More details about the SAT's will follow but can I ask all parents to avoid booking holidays in May.

Reminder

The children will still need to be provided with water in a bottle. Due to numerous spills, I ask that it is still water that the children have. Also the door to the playground will be kept locked until the bell has gone in the morning as we are concerned about the safety of the children if they are in the school unsupervised. If it is raining you are more than welcome to come into the classroom with your child as long as they are supervised until the bell rings.

I hope you find this newsletter useful, but if you have any questions or queries which the newsletter does not answer, then please do not hesitate to come in and see me before or after school.

Thank you for your support.

Miss S Meddings