

Class 2 Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter of Summer Term. I hope you are well and I'm sure we are all hoping for a 'normal' term so fingers crossed! I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the support you gave to your children and to school last term and also to let you know how lovely it is to have all of the children back in class; to see them playing together so happily really makes me smile! Again, Mrs Hargreaves will be supporting Class 2 in all Maths and English lessons and in most other areas of the curriculum.

As you may be aware, the Y1 Phonics Screen and the Y2 SATs have been cancelled this year so there will be no external assessments.

English

Our books this half-term will be linked to our history topic (The Great Fire of London). There will be a strong focus on writing in different genres eg reports, diaries and poetry and we will also be concentrating on sentence construction and handwriting. We will also practise our speaking and listening skills during drama activities linked to our topic.

Y1 will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and Y2 will continue to develop their ability to use more complex punctuation such as apostrophes for possession. Spellings were given out last week; please encourage your child to practise them at home, ready for the tests on Monday mornings. I will also give 'bonus words' as an extra challenge, using the relevant week's sound or rule.

Maths

In Maths we will have daily basic skills sessions in order to practise and revise all areas of computation, place value, shape and times tables which some children might have missed during lockdown. We will learn about basic fractions of shapes and quantities; Y2 will progress further to recognise unit fractions eg $\frac{3}{4}$. We will also extend our knowledge of addition and subtraction using larger numbers which, for Y2, will include 3 digit numbers.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term; the focus is *Living things and Habitats*.

Art

In Art we will be experimenting with 'hot' colours and we will be practising our drawing and sketching skills. All of our activities will be linked to The Great Fire of London.

R.E.

In RE the children will be exploring what they can find out about local faith communities; again, Miss Jewett will be teaching this subject.

Music

This half-term the children will be taught by Mrs Coulls. There will be a focus upon pitch, volume and rhythm and the children will learn lots of fun new songs as well as new warm - up techniques to make sure our singing voices are at their best!

ICT

In ICT we will be learning about coding using *Daisy the Dinosaur*. We will also practise using safe search sites during class research and we will practise recording skills during drama and role-play. As always, the theme of keeping safe online will be discussed during all ICT activities.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are *Mondays* and *Wednesdays*. Miss Jewett will teach games skills on a Monday and I will teach dance on a Wednesday. *Please ensure that your child comes dressed in his / her P.E. kit on the allocated days.*

Spanish

In Spanish we will continue to develop our knowledge of greetings and basic phrases which we will practise across the curriculum whenever possible. We will also begin to explore simple phrases and words which would be useful for a holiday in Spain!

History

As I'm sure you have guessed, our topic is the Great Fire of London. We will explore the causes and subsequent effects of the fire and we will read extracts from the diary of Samuel Pepys in order to understand the importance of eye-witness accounts.

PSHCE

In PSHCE children will consider how to be the best they can possibly be. They will explore how to keep going even when things become tricky and we will look at ways of keeping our teeth, bodies and minds healthy.

Homework

We have decided as a staff to return to paper-based homework. From Thursday this week, children will be given a piece of Maths homework linked to the current topic and they will be given a written piece of work linked to their spellings. A special file will be provided for this work.

Reading books will be changed on a Thursday; please ensure that reading folders are brought into school on Mondays so that we can quarantine books effectively.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me (still via the office at this stage) if you have any concerns, suggestions or comments.

Miss Forth