

Year 2 Curriculum Information

Term 2

We hope you all had a great half term. A little reminder - now that the weather is getting colder, every child needs to bring a coat to school (please have it named).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of the year 2 team either by email or on the door and we will do our very best to help.

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Our topic and areas for learning this half term

This term the creative curriculum will explore '**London's Burning**' with a focus on learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning lots of facts, finding out about Samuel Pepys and doing some diary writing of our own. We will also be discovering Tudor London and writing an information poster on what we know about the fire from first-hand accounts and paintings.



You could look at some non-fiction books on 'The Great Fire of London' so your child can find out some amazing facts about it!

Geography: Looking at aerial photographs to locate landmarks in London and where the fire started. In addition, looking at human and natural features using aerial photographs.

History: Children will be learning about the facts of The Great Fire of London and finding out about the eye-witness Samuel Pepys.



ART: We are exploring paintings of The Great Fire of London. We will also explore oil pastels and charcoal to recreate a silhouette of a Tudor house on a fire background.

SCIENCE:

In science we will continue to learn about the properties of materials and exploring simple investigations.



COMPUTING: We will be Creating simple programmes - learning to create and debug simple algorithms using Purple Mash and Scratch.

D&T: We will be exploring wheeled vehicles and making a fire vehicle.

Maths and English



Maths and English will be taught daily. English will be made up of phonics, guided reading, handwriting, spelling, grammar and a range of writing activities. Maths will include weekly objectives (See the maths section for further details). Additionally we will do times tables, fluency skills and practise the skills of each child's level for the 99 club. Children are not expected to reach the 99 club until they are in year 6.

Reading:

Your child's reading book will continue to be changed once a week and we would like the children to read as often as possible at home, ideally daily.



Growth Mindset

Our whole school learning power for the autumn term is Co-operation and our character that represents that learning behaviour is *the busy bee*.

Co-operation



I can co-operate with others.

I can listen to other people's ideas.

I can take turns.

I can work with different people in a positive, helpful way.

Learning behaviour in Year 2

Our motto is:

It's ok if you don't know

But it's not ok if you don't try!

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I never challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
I try and try again.
I can succeed. I'm confident.
My effort and practice determine everything.



The ability is just in or out of the head.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I avoid the whole challenge.
When I fail, I'm not good.
I never try again.
I can't learn. I'm not smart.
My abilities are fixed and everything.

Making mistakes help us learn and thoughts help us grow! Encourage your child's Love of Learning by getting them to explore their thought bubble ideas!

Remind your child that: "I can't do it," does not exist. Encourage them to think, "I can't do it... Yet!"

Each week the children will be randomly paired up with a new learning partner. This helps to develop the children's relationships with their classmates and ensures that all children are involved in whole class discussions.

CLASS RULES AND YEAR 2 LEARNING PARTNERS

The children in each class have agreed some class rules. This helps them to keep their name on the 'green' area of the class behaviour chart (green is good!).

If the children have shown exceptional behaviour or effort in their work they may be awarded 'silver' or 'gold'. The children will then be given a certificate to take home to celebrate this.

Also each week a child from each of the year 2 classes will be chosen as a "Learning Partner of the week" and they will receive a certificate linked to the learning power "Co-operation"

Homework

- Each week the children will be given weekly spellings in an orange book, which will need to be practised at home (these will be tested every Friday).
- The children will have an exciting homework grid where they can do an exciting project for each topic for each term. The project can be completed at any time during the term and also handed in at any time in

the term.

- We will stick a current times table your child is currently working on in their blue times table book so you can keep supporting them at home (these will be tested every Wednesday).
- Furthermore, children are expected to read with an adult EVERY night.
- The homework will be given out every Friday and must be returned every Wednesday.

Other useful information

PPA - Music is on a Monday.

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PE - is on a Thursday.

