Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half term of Autumn. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for a productive half term leading up to the festive break! We would like to thank the children for an amazing first half term; the children have settled into Y2 brilliantly. We have an exciting half term coming up, including opportunities for parents to come into school for festive activities! We also had a performance from Trunk Theatre at the start of the half term which kick started our new topic, 'The Great Fire of London'.

Maths

In **Maths,** we will build on our place value knowledge by exploring addition and subtraction. Children will focus on using number lines, rekenreks and other resources to add and subtract. We will begin to explore geometry and shape, continuing to build on Year 1 learning of 2D shapes and moving towards 3D shapes and their properties.

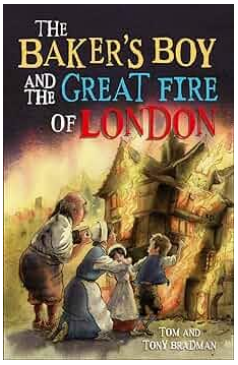
English

Our **English** work will tie in with our History Topic, 'The Great Fire of London.' We will read different narratives about the Great Fire to inspire us to write our own pieces of fiction and non-fiction, including poetry. Handwriting will continue to be a focus for all children.

The children will continue to develop their reading skills through daily phonics and regular guided reading sessions. Children are expected to read at home daily to support this.

DT

In **Design Technology**, we will learn how to make a **healthy, balanced** wrap. The children will taste test and develop their own ideas on healthy fillings. They will focus on the skills required in food preparation. This will build on their prior knowledge of healthy eating and having a balanced diet.



Science

In **Science,** we will be exploring the human body and what we need to do to maintain a healthy body and brain. We will look at the life cycle of a human and the children will consider how to maintain their own health and personal hygiene routines.

History

In **History** we will be studying 'The Great Fire of London'. Children are always gripped by this significant historical event from the 17th Century! They will learn about chronology, changes within the time period and focus on how the buildings that contributed to the spread of the fire.

PSHE

In **PSHE** children will learn about relationships. Focusing on how are we same or different, why relationships are important and what a family is.

Children will learn about the importance of having special people in their lives. They will also discuss how to make friends and who can help us with friendships.

PE

In **PE**, children will explore hands, feet and equipment.

They will develop their ability to throw in different ways, using a variety of equipment and complete a series of self-challenges and team games.

Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Children will explore their place in the world through discussions of their personal history.
This will help them place themselves and their family in a wider context.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Through our DT learning, the children will learn about preparation of food as well as the process of ordering and buying food as well as budgeting.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will consider how to keep their bodies healthy through exercise and diet. Children will develop their interpersonal skills and the language of opinion and debating through our School Council sessions.

Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, we explore historical content, asking questions about the 'then' and the 'now' to contribute to their understanding of the world.

Important information:

- PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Children to come into school in their PE kits. **This must include a white top, black shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers.** A dark coloured hoody may be worn when the weather is colder.
- Please bring your **child's book bag to school on a Friday.** Books will be changed and sent home on a Friday. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App.** The book must be logged as finished so that our staff know that a new book needs sending home.
- Children in Year 2 should be accessing TT Rockstars and EdShed regularly at home to earn points.
- Spelling and Maths tests will be on a Friday.
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk, if this has been paid for. Children should bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Swain, Miss Swan-Francis, Miss Whitehead and Mrs Conway.