

## Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half term in Autumn. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for a productive half term leading up to Christmas. We would like to thank the children for an amazing first half term where they have done a wonderful job of settling into Year 2. We have an amazing half term coming up, including our trip to **The Deep** on 4<sup>th</sup> November! Mr Smallman will be leading Key Stage 1 and together with Mr Cosford and Mr Bramhall will make up the Year 2 team.

### Maths

In **maths**, we will build on our place value knowledge by exploring addition and subtraction. Children will focus on using number lines and resources to add and subtract. We will then move on to measures including money – this will also build on prior knowledge and link closely to multiplication facts and counting in twos, fives and tens.

### English

Our **English** work will tie in with our History Topic, 'The Great Fire of London.' We will research the historical figure Samuel Pepys and focus on the importance of his diary. After investigating the features of a diary entry, children will then write their own diary entry in the role of Samuel Pepys. As Christmas approaches, we will be using our creative drama skills to help plan out and write a Christmas story with a twist!

### DT

In **Design technology**, we will be getting into the Christmas spirit by designing and making Christmas decorations. To do this, we will focus on sewing skills to produce a hanging felt decoration. We will explore different fabrics, techniques and existing products before producing our own.



### Science 'Animals including Humans'

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** will be studying 'The Great Fire Of London'. Children will be gripped by this significant historical event from the 17th Century! They will learn about how the fire was started, how it spread and how after 5 days it was finally put out.

### PSHE

In **PSHE** children will learn about maintaining a healthy lifestyle for physical, mental and emotional well-being.

This will include the importance of sleep, how to keep ourselves healthy through diet and being proud of who you are.

### PE

In **P.E**, children will develop co-ordination and technique while throwing and catching. They will develop their ability to throw in different ways, using a variety of equipment and complete a series of self-challenges competing to beat their own scores.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

During our trip to The Deep, we will take part in lessons lead by experts on protecting and caring for our oceans. Children will consider the importance of conservation for our planets future.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will be completing a unit of work on money as part of our maths curriculum. Children will set up their own tuck shop and role play selling and purchasing items using money with the fruit at break time.

### Healthy and Happy Living

Children will consider how to keep their bodies healthy through exercise and diet. Children will take part in a democratic vote to select house captains understanding that their vote will have an impact on the whole school community.

### 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:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Monday. Please ensure that children come to school on Mondays already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. This must include a white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in.
- We are now allocating a specific day for each year group to return their reading books on so please ensure that your **child's book bag is returned to school every Wednesday** so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home your child's next set of reading books for the week on the Friday. We will not be changing books on any other day of the week so book bags do not need to be brought into school for the rest of the week. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the GoRead App**
- **Spelling, Big Maths tests and Times Table Rock Stars awards will be on a Friday**, if you have given photographic consent pictures of those who are awarded a certificate will be posted to Facebook.
- 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.
- Due to the current circumstances our Christmas performance will unfortunately not run this year. Instead, we will learn a Christmas song and have a Christmas jumper day. Christmas Craft morning will still take place, but unfortunately parents will be unable to attend.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Mr Smallman, Mr Cosford & Mr Bramhall