

# Year 2 Newsletter - Term 2



Dear Families,

We are excited to begin a new term in Year 2 which is sure to bring amazing learning opportunities as well as exciting enrichment opportunities for the children and their families.

We are starting our new Geography topic this term. Our overarching question for this is, 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?'. We will learn about the seven continents and their location on a world map, through the use of atlases and globes. We will also be identifying where the equator is and how this impacts the weather in those areas. We are also going to discuss differences and similarities between the North and South pole and the location of these on a world map.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to approach any of the staff. We will be available via class dojo to message regarding queries and worries.

The Year 2 Team

Miss Rossa & Miss Boyle

## PE

Year 2's PE day will continue to be every Thursday in the autumn term. Children should come to school dressed in their correct PE kit. This kit is a white/plain tee shirt, black or bottle green joggers or shorts, black or black and white trainers and a plain black or green school hoodie. Please ensure ALL jewellery is removed on this day.

## Home learning

As the year progresses, it is important that parents are supporting their children in engaging with home learning. Please contact your class teacher if you cannot access any of the home learning platforms. Expectations for home learning will be:

- Reading (5x weekly recorded in planners)
- Numbots
- Arithmetic activity
- Spelling shed

Autumn Term 1: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## English

We have started a new writing scheme and our first topic in this is based on The Great Fire of London. We will be ending this unit by writing an information text based on the events. To support our writing, we are also focusing on the 'Great Fire of London' text in our whole class reading sessions twice a week.

## Maths

This term's maths learning is a continuation of our addition and subtraction unit, learning methods for calculations with one- and two-digit numbers. We finish the term with a unit on 2D and 3D shapes.

## PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be discussing how best to look after our physical and mental health and learn how the choices we make affect our own and others' health and well-being

## Physical Education

Our PE unit this half term is called 'Hands' and will develop on the children's knowledge of ball skills from last term and last year. The children will develop their ability to dribble with their hands as well as understand the role of attackers and defenders in sport.

## Science

In our Science lessons we will continue to look at materials and their properties. We will learn about famous scientists and their inventions and carry out an investigation to see which materials are best to make a kite for the equipment shed!

## Computing

This term's computing unit looks at 'algorithms' and will teach the children how computer games and programs are coded to follow simple instructions.

## Art

In art, we are mark making using the theme of maps. The children will design prints with simple lines and shapes. They will also evaluate their work along the way.

