# Year 2 Newsletter - Term 3



Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and continue to have some amazing learning opportunities.

Last term, the children really impressed us with their knowledge of The Great Fire of London and their enthusiasm for learning about the continents, the equator and North and South poles.

This term, our driver subject is History, focusing on the history of flight. Our key question is 'How did mankind learn to fly?'

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to approach any of the staff. We will be available via class do jo to message regarding queries and worries, particularly as we settle in to the new academic year.

The Year 2 Team

#### PE

Year 2's PE day will be on a Wednesday a sternoon from this 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 also ensure that any jewellery is removed be fore the children come to school 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 or Spelling sheet

### **English**

Our writing lessons this term will be based on a book called 'Grandad's Camper' by Harry Woodgate.

The children will learn about different types of sentences, use subordination to join sentences together and develop their understanding of the past and present tense. They will write their own adventure story based on the book.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on safety and the changing body.

The children will learn about staying safe online and road safety. They will also learn about privacy and personal boundaries.

## Science

Our Science unit this term is called Animals including humans. The children will learn about animal lifecycles, their habitats and what they need to survive.

They will also learn about healthy lifestyles.



#### <u>Maths</u>

This term's maths learning focuses on money where the children will count coins and notes, add amounts, find change and solve problems.

Later in the term we will move onto multiplication and division.

## Physical Education

Our PE unit this half term is called "Linking" and will focus on gymnastic skills. The children will develop their ability to move their body in different ways and how to balance on apparatus. They will begin to understand what it means to be a 'champion gymnast'.

## Computing

This term's computing unit looks at Word Processing. Children will have regular opportunities to practise touch typing as well as learning how they can change text in Microsoft Word.

# Design Technology

In our DT lessons this term the children will be exploring axel mechanisms be fore designing and building a fairground ride.

The will need to select appropriate materials, test and evaluate their work.