



Year 2 Newsletter – Term 4



Welcome back to school for term 4. We are halfway through Year 2! Where has the time gone?

History

The Great Fire of London

We are coming to the end of our unit of learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. This term our focus will be on what changed as a result of the fire. We will be talking about the declaration of King Charles II and how London was rebuilt.

The First Man on the Moon

Three weeks into this term we will begin our new history unit learning about the life of Neil Armstrong and the 1969 moon landing. We will be using different media to research and discuss the past. We will learn about the astronauts who were part of the Apollo 11 mission and how space exploration has continued to develop. To kick off our learning about space we will be having the annual Year 2 Space Camp.

Spelling and Reading

We will begin to read longer pieces of text to build our reading stamina and fluency. In guided reading we will also continue reading our class novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*.

Writing and Grammar

This term we will be focusing on writing sentences using alliteration and adverbs. How does making exciting verb choices and describing verbs with adverbs improve our stories? We will also think about how conjunctions can help us to extend our

descriptive writing. Our texts this term will be 'The Robot and the Bluebird' and 'The Man on the Moon (A Day in the Life of Bob)'.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be learning about fractions and how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. In fractions we will be learning about halves, quarters and thirds. We will even learn how to count in fractions. Then we will move on to learning about measure. We will be measuring length, and height in cm.

Science

This term we will be learning about plants. In Year 2 we focus on the lifecycles of plants, seeds, bulbs and we begin to consider how seeds are dispersed by different plants. We will be watching daffodils grow, racing seeds and growing cress in different conditions. Hopefully, we will also plant some seeds and potatoes that will be ready to harvest at the end of the school year.

Design and Technology (D&T)

In D&T this term we will be learning about textiles. We will look at examples of samplers; pieces of embroidery that people used to practice their stitching techniques. We will learn how to use running stitch and cross stitch to create a beautiful piece of embroidery.



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PE

This term Year 2 will be learning ball skills on a **Wednesday afternoon**, and about flight and rotation in gymnastics every **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has joggers and a jumper as they will need to wear their PE kit all day.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on Christianity, how sacred times are celebrated and the festival of Easter. We will also be rehearsing for our school Easter Service to be held at St Michael's Church on 31st March.

Jigsaw

This term our focus is Relationships. We will be learning about people who are important to us, families, and what we can do when we fall out with friends.

Computing

This term is all about computational thinking. We will be writing simple code on Scratch Jr to create computer games. We will try to debug our own algorithms and design games that are appealing and fun to play.

Homework

Your child will bring home two reading books each week. One book will be their school reading book and the second will be a book for you to share with your child. Books will be changed on a **Tuesday**. Spellings will be set each week on a

Tuesday. In line with our school homework policy I will just be sending home a Number Sense activity for maths rather than any additional learning. Please use any of the links below to find additional learning resources your child may want to look at.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn7bcw>

- BBC English Game Karate Cats

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn7bcw>

- Science Game Galaxy Pugs

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games>

- Geography

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn7bcw>

<https://www.scratchjr.org/> - Computing

<https://www.gonoodle.com> - Wellbeing

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-great-fire-of-london-home/zph4g7h> - History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-neil-armstrong/zr9tjyv> - History

Thank you for all your support
Mr Bailey

Key Dates

28th February – Year 2 Space Camp

6th March - World Book Day

17th and 20th March – Parent Meetings

27th March – Faith Day

2nd April – Disco

3rd April – Y1 & 2 Easter Service

4th April – INSET Day