

# YEAR 2 NEWS!!

Autumn Term 2016

Dear families,

A very big welcome to Year 2 from all of us! We hope that the children will soon settle into their new routines and enjoy all the excitement we have planned for them this term.

Hopefully this newsletter will give you some information for the coming term but if you have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask any of the Year 2 Team.



## TOPIC

This half term's topic is 'London' - focussing on both geography and history. We will be looking at the River Thames from its source to the mouth and the various landmarks along it that have helped London become such a tourist attraction. On the historical side we will be finding out how and why the Great Fire of London started and about the lives of Samuel Pepys, Sir Christopher Wren and Florence Nightingale. The children will take a river boat cruise along the Thames and visit the Museum of London on Friday 30th September. If you have any resources that you think will be useful for our topics, please do send them in but name them first! After half term we will study the 'Victorians' covering aspects of Queen Victoria's life, Victorian toys and of course, we will be enjoying a traditional Victorian school day complete with very strict teachers - date and more information to follow.

## Trips/Visits

We will be visiting London on **Friday 30th September** where we will take a cruise along the River Thames and visit 'The Great Fire of London' exhibition at the Museum of London. On **Friday 21st October** we will be holding a London street party for our WOW day! The children will dress up in red, white and blue, make party dishes (including Coronation Chicken), play street party games and learn to do the Hokey Cokey!

During the second half of the term we will receive a visit from an important person related to our Victorian topic. The children will need a costume for the Victorian day - date to follow.



## English

The children will be completing lots of writing activities this term. There will be specific units focusing on writing stories, instructions, poetry and information texts.

In addition, over the course of the term, we will also focus on topic related texts, speaking and listening activities and drama.



## Maths

This term we will be building on the work started in Year 1. We will be partitioning numbers into tens and ones adding in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100, using money to solve addition and subtraction problems as well as working on shape and measures involving using a ruler and learning doubles and halves of numbers.

Children will be taught different mental arithmetic strategies to help them in their work and where possible we will use problem solving situations.



## Reading

**Daily** individual reading at home is crucial for your child's development. We appreciate that it is difficult to fit everything in, but it really is of huge benefit to your child. **Please remember to sign, date and comment on your child's reading in their reading diary daily.**

In Year 2 some of the books are organised by colour, as they were in Year 1. The remainder are organised into wider ability bands which are demarcated by fruit. Your child will bring home either a coloured or a fruit book where they will have access to a range of genres.



## Library

Please encourage your child to read and return their school library books on time. Please also remember to get your child to complete the Horsley library challenge if they started it.

## P.E

We will have outdoor P.E (weather permitting) on a Monday afternoon and indoor PE on a Tuesday morning.

Children need to have a track suit for the cold weather and need plimsolls or trainers in school **every day** if they wish to use the adventure playground/climbing wall.

Please ensure that everything is **named**, including their trainers.



We hope that you find this information useful and we look forward to a fun filled term.

Do remember to ask if you have any queries.

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances.

Thank you from The Year 2 Team;  
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