

# YEAR 2 NEWS!!

## Autumn Term 2020

Dear Families,

A big welcome to Year 2 from all of us! We know that the children will soon settle into the new routines and enjoy all the activities that we have planned for them this term. Hopefully this newsletter will give you all the key information you need for the coming term but if you have any other questions please do ask.

Pine Class - Mrs Holloway, Mrs Conisbee Mrs Hutt and Mrs Tebbitts

Lime Class - Mrs Mumby, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Stroud and Mrs Studholme

### Geography and History Topics

This half term's humanities topic is 'London' - focussing on both London's 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 to become such a big tourist attraction.

In history, we will be finding out how and why the Great Fire of London started and about the lives of Samuel Pepys and Sir Christopher Wren. We are in the process of booking a drama workshop on The Great Fire of London for early October. Details will be with you next week.

After half term we will study the 'Victorians', covering aspects of Queen Victoria's life, Victorian toys, education for Victorian children and comparing their Christmas festivities with ours. On Friday November 27th November we will also be enjoying a traditional Victorian school day complete with costumes and strict teachers, again the date and further information will follow nearer the time.



### Trips/Visits



We will not be able to go on a school trip to London this half-term. However, to support your child's learning, it would be lovely if you feel able to take them on a day trip to London over the next few weekends. During the second half of the term, we will receive a visit from an important person related to our Victorian day.

### Homework

Reading daily continues to be the main component of their homework. The children will also bring home spellings each week to learn for the following week.

All other homework will be online using the following websites:

Mathletics (login reminders to follow)

TTRockstars - times tables (logins to follow)

Spag.com - spelling and grammar (logins to follow)



The children will each need to have a book bag, rather than a large rucksack. The children's pegs and lockers need to hold their coat, PE bag and shoes so a book bag is ideal. Please can you also make sure that your child has a pencil case in school. This should be fairly small with no large key rings attached and should contain pencils, colouring pencils, a sharpener which ideally catches the sharpenings, scissors and a glue stick. Please do not send them in with a rubber as we encourage the children to circle our errors rather than rub them out. Please do consider sending in a choices sheet for lunches. This will now be one sheet for the half-term, rather than a new one each week. Any existing sheets will be used for this.

### English



This term the children will be completing lots of writing activities. There will be units focusing on stories, instructions, poetry and information texts. In addition, over the course of the term, we will focus on other aspects of English including topic related texts, speaking and listening activities as well as drama.

**Spelling** Children will be sent home with spellings to practise and learn each week. We will then assess them and record how they did in their spelling book. Please encourage your child to learn them. Little and often works best.

### Library

We will not be using the school library at the moment but please return any school library books you have at home. Remember to complete the Horsley library challenge if your child started it. Don't forget to log on to the 'Librasoft' website, which is a fantastic library resource.



### 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 and learning doubles and halves of numbers. We will also be working on shape and measures such as length.

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

**Big Maths Beat That** - Children will do a mental maths challenge twice a week. They will bring their first try home so that they can practise these sums and see if they can beat score in their second go.

### Science

Our Science this term will involve learning about the use of everyday materials, sound and the seasons.



### Reading

We believe that reading is the most valuable skill children learn and as a school we continue to read on a one-to-one basis with all children. This is a huge commitment but we realise the importance of this in ensuring all children make great progress and develop a life-long love of reading. We appreciate that family life is busy and it can be difficult to fit everything in, but daily reading at home is of huge benefit to your child. The expectation is that children in year 2 read five times across the week and we ask that you sign, date and comment on your child's reading in their diary for each of those reading sessions. If we notice that they have not read five times within a week, we will advise you that there is an issue with this homework. If there continues to be a problem your child will be required to attend reading detention during a break time. We will also make contact with you to discuss your child's reading homework. We are happy to offer advice and support to any families who find this difficult to achieve; please just ask.



### P.E

We have outdoor P.E (weather permitting) on a Wednesday. Lime class have indoor PE on a Monday and Pine class on a Thursday. We are also aiming to do the Raleigh Run on two other days each week. This first half-term children will not be changing into their PE kit so will not be required to bring it into school. However, they will need to have plimsolls or trainers in school every day. They will also need to wear them if they wish to use the adventure playground during playtimes. Please ensure that their trainers are named.



We hope that you find this information helpful. Don't forget to read Headlines each week and also check the school website for other useful information. Please send in any queries you have for us via your child's reading record or, if urgent, send an email to the office. Please do not phone unless it is essential.

Also, please do remember to keep us up to date with any changes in personal circumstances. Thank you.