



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2

Thank you for your support during our first half term in Year 2. We are really pleased with the progress the children have made. They have all settled well and are continuing to impress us!

English

We will be looking at eyewitness accounts and diary entries. This will be linked to our exciting new topic about The Great Fire of London. After looking at the features of diaries we will be writing our own diary entries. This will be done by writing in the first person and writing about our feelings. We will be including conjunctions in our writing as well as words with different suffixes. We will continue to use exclamation marks within our writing to show emotions such as excitement, shock and fear.

Reading Books


Your child will be given a reading book each Tuesday to be kept until the following Tuesday. Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading, this is a skill they will be developing during Year 2. When reading please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using the pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to your child read with any other comments you wish to make.

Maths

We will continue our addition and subtraction unit. We will be looking at written strategies to add two 2-digit numbers. We will be using mental methods, as well as using equipment to solve our calculations. For subtraction, we will continue to use our base 10 by drawing our number and crossing off the correct amount. We will then move onto using a number line to find the difference when subtracting. Please can you continue counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's, forwards and backwards. The children can also practise their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. By the end of this half term, we will move onto our shape unit. The children will learn the names of 2D shapes and their properties such as sides and vertices. We will then move on to learn the names of 3D shapes and we will be counting their faces, edges and vertices. You can support with this by finding 2D and 3D shapes in your home and talking about their properties.

History, Art & Design Technology

This half term in History the children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. To bring this topic to life, we were very excited to be by the History Workshop at school led by a theatre company on Tuesday 1st November 2022. In this imaginative workshop the children journeyed back in time to London, Pudding Lane, in 1666 to experience this important event in history! We will move on to using a timeline to order the events of the fire and we will explore how London has changed since the fire.



In Art we will be looking at paintings by a famous artist William Mallard Joseph Turner. We will be using his ideas as inspiration to create our own Great Fire of London landscape using watercolours. We will be developing our skills in art by printing and rolling using ink.

In Design Technology we will be designing and making our own wooden fire cart. We will be focusing on how to make the wheels move by attaching it to an axle. We will also be developing our cutting skills by safely using a hacksaw.

P.E.

Our P.E. units this half term are 'Hit, Catch, Run' and 'Dance'. In 'Hit, Catch, Run' we will develop our hitting skills using a variety of bats. We will be practicing fielding and bowling the ball. We will then use these skills to hit and run to score points in small games. During Dance, we will perform basic actions with control and consistency at different speeds and on different levels. We will work as part of a group to create and perform short movement sequences to music.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school. We will be doing our P.E. lessons outside whenever possible; therefore the children will need suitable footwear and jogging bottoms.

P.E days are on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday. English/Topic homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by Monday. Homework will be given out in books for this half term. We are giving the children weekly spellings which they will practise daily in school. They will then bring these home on a Friday to practise for the spelling test each Monday.

Reminders

We have gone back to our original drop off and pick up timings:

- Morning drop off - 8:45am - 8:55am
- Afternoon pick up - 3:15pm - 3:25pm

Please ensure that your child is arriving on time for school as lessons begin straight away and any lateness is disruptive to learning time.

Useful Websites

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>

Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

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