



Year 2 Autumn 1 2024 Newsletter

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and have come back to school rested and ready for the new term. I'm extremely excited to be taking on the role of Year 2 teacher this year and cannot wait to teach the new class.

History: We will be exploring the Great Fire of London and events beyond living memory. We will make links with our English learning and explore the ways in which this fire affected London. The library service

has kindly given us some exciting artefacts to use in class and we hope to plan an exciting trip to the Monument to the Great Fire of London.

Geography we will be examining the human and physical features in our local area. This unit will incorporate fieldwork and map skills, with plenty of opportunities for outside learning. By the end of the topic, children should be able to understand geographical similarities and differences by studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK.

RE will focus on Christianity with a big question of 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all the time?' In our lessons, we will be looking at parables such as the Good Samaritan and the healing of the paralysed man to understand how Jesus showed kindness. Combining our core values of Care, Respect and Inspire, we will discuss how we can show kindness.

Maths starts with place value, counting forwards and backwards with 20 and practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will also be counting and comparing objects and numbers. Then we will study addition and subtraction, using the column method to show our working out.

English involves studying Mary and the Great Fire of London, combining our English and History knowledge. We will be using our Storytelling techniques to inspire a love for learning and teach students to write independently and creatively. We will start by retelling the story and then we will be innovating our own narrative stories. We will then produce a fact file about one of key figures of the Great Fire of London. Along the way we will incorporate spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons and support the children in their writing with daily phonics and guided reading sessions.

Art/DT Mr Rowland will be leading our printmaking and using a variety of materials and techniques. In this block, we will be applying previously acquired skills to represent mood and movement. We will also explore shape and texture through expressive mark making in response to a piece of music and descriptive language. In DT we will be learn how to use a template to create a simple patchwork by repurposing clothing to create something practical and useful.

French will focus on improving our speaking, listening, reading and writing skills using videos and interactive activities to develop these key skills and inspire a love of languages starting with greetings and numbers and then move on to playground games, the plant-pot story and dinosaurs.

Science will focus on living things and their habitats. We will then explore where plants and animals live, food chains and why plants and animals need each other. We will be using lots of different resources and hope to conduct experiments in our nature garden.

P.E. is on Mondays and Wednesdays and will involve team games. Home learning will be handed out each Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact me or another member of the Year 2 team. Miss Harewood and the Year 2 team