



# Newsletter

**Autumn Term 2024 - Year 2**

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Welcome to the Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Luscombe or Miss Warrilow directly, in the first instance.

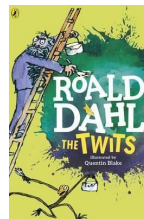
## Maths

Over the Autumn term, we will begin to cover the Year 2 maths curriculum, as well as securing the children's learning from Year 1. Children will start with a focus on the place value of number, leading into addition and subtraction methods.

Children will continue to complete Club sheets in maths lessons and will have a weekly arithmetic lesson. Both tests focus on number bonds to 10 and 20. Children in Year 2 will also be learning the 10x, 2x, 5x and 3x tables and continued practise at home would help secure these facts.

## English

This term, we will be exploring *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson, *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and *Fire Cat* by Pippa Goodhart. We will be writing different genres of writing relating to these stories including a character description, diary entry, setting description and a wanted poster. We will also be writing a persuasive leaflet relating to our London topic and creating our own poem based on *The Magic Box* poem.



When exploring each text, we will be continuing to answer questions relating to the key reading skills (FIRECUP).

## RE

In the first half term we will be focussing on the big question 'Who made the world?' by exploring creation and how the creation story fits into the big picture.

This will lead on to the second half term 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will reflect on the birth of Jesus and the significance of Christmas. We will have lots of fun making Christmas cards and singing hymns and carols.

## Science

We will be learning about materials in our science lessons; the uses of everyday materials and about the suitability of different materials for their purpose.

We will be setting up experiments over the term to answer scientific questions such as 'How stretchy is a Curly Wurly?'

## PE

In the Autumn Term, Year 2 will be exploring multi-skills such as: running, jumping, skipping, hitting and kicking. They will also be developing skills in decision making and improving their awareness of others during games and activities. Year 2 will have PE on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning. Please ensure children have PE kits in school for both lessons. Please can you remove any earrings on these days.

## Computing

Over the Autumn term we will be teaching the children about digital literacy and computer science, beginning with digital music and moving on to digital photography.

We will be discussing online safety throughout the term, ensuring children feel safe online and know who they can discuss their concerns with, as well as sharing top tips with parents and carers at home.

**TOP TIP for adults: make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online.**

## Other Curriculum Areas

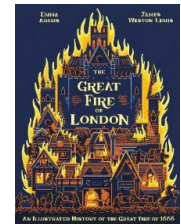
Our topic this term will be all about our capital city, London. In the first half term we will locate geographical features such as human landmarks, transport and the physical features that appear in the city.

We then move on to our history topic—all about the Great Fire of London, finding out what caused the fire and how it changed the fire service that we see today.

Our Art and DT projects this term will link to this topic. In Art, we will be drawing landmarks found in London using sketching pencils. In our mechanics unit of DT, children will be design and making a moving vehicle linked to London.

Our PSHE topics for this term will be Back to School, Getting on with everyone and Dealing with feelings. As a school, we will be taking part in World Mental Health day and Anti-Bullying week.

In music we will be learning the song Hands, Feet, Heart to practise listening, appraising and performing skills.



## Diary Dates

27.09.24 Y2 Forest School afternoon  
27.11.24 Y2 Mastering Number parents workshop  
11.12.24 KS1 Christmas production  
17.12.24 KS1 Christmas Film Night

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