

Year 2 Summer 1 Curriculum letter



Dear parents / guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break!

This half term our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. Throughout this topic, the children will learn about the key dates and events that took place during the Great Fire of London, where the children will ask historical questions and learn about chronology.

We have arranged a visit from Tree House Theatre Company where the children will have an opportunity to re-enacted The Great Fire of London and imagine what it was like to have been like back in 1666.

English

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of diary writing and learn about the importance of Samuel Pepys'. They will write their own diary entries, letters in role and learn about newspapers to become news reporters for the Shirley Times. We will be incorporating previous skills such as conjunctions and expanded noun phrases into these different genres.



Phonics

In phonics the children will be learning how to write words in their contracted forms (e.g. it is = it's, cannot = can't, I will = I'll) and learning about key homophones, such as 'there', 'their' and 'they're' and their different means. The children will continue to learn more words which cannot be phonetically decoded. The spellings have been uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these during the course of the half term. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences. If there are still words from the Autumn and Spring lists your child cannot spell, please practise these too. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to practise these words at home. Remember you can practice these words in lots of fun ways, e.g. with water, paint, chalk, felt tip pens.



Reading

Please continue to read with your child from our online library of books. Using the Rising Stars online library. Please read daily and remember to read the same book a few times throughout the week to build confidence and fluency. There are fun quizzes to complete at the end of each book and your child can be awarded with different stars. (If you don't get a star the first time, you can complete the quiz again to get the star). Your child's class teacher will look out for regular reading at home and MME for great effort/participation.



Maths

In mathematics the children will learn about fractions and subtraction. They will begin by learning about finding the fraction of an amount, shape or quantity. To support your child at home, you may wish to practise halving and quartering numbers. They will begin each unit practically, to fully understand the process, and then we will use diagrams and drawings, before teaching them methods.



Wider curriculum

In PE, the children will be exploring the Great Fire of London through dance. Learning a set sequence of moves and choreographing their own routine with expression. The children look forward to sharing their creations with you during their class celebration event (more information to follow). In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and the importance of Holi. In PSHE we will be exploring relationships and how families are not all the same.



Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

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The Year 2 Team: Miss Innes (Badgers), Mrs Anousis and Ms Mantle (Foxes), Mrs Hillier, Mrs Fernandes and Mrs Watts (Woodpeckers).