

Year 2 Spring 2 Curriculum letter



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 4th March

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break! We hope the children enjoyed their Great Fire of London workshop, where they re-enacted the Great Fire of London and took part in hands-on activities, such as bread baking. Throughout this topic, the children will learn about the key dates and events that took place during the Great Fire of London. The children will ask historical questions, learn about chronology, and discuss why the fire was so tricky to control.

English

They will write a diary entry, like Samuel Pepys, and become news reporters for the Shirley Times. To support your child in their learning, you could discuss features of different writing genres, e.g. in a newspaper report, there are headings and captions and in a diary you will have important dates and times and explain how you might be feeling at different points.

Phonics

In phonics, the children will be learning how to use an apostrophe to show possession and learning about key homophones, such as 'there', 'their' and 'they're'. The children will also continue to learn more words, which cannot be phonetically decoded. The spellings will be 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.



Mathematics

In mathematics, the children will learn about fractions. They will begin by learning about finding the fraction of an amount, shape or quantity e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ of $12 = 6$. To support your child at home, you may wish to practise halving and quartering numbers. We will be continuing to practise our methods for the four operations; add, subtract, multiply and divide.



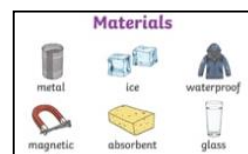
Reading

Please continue to read with your child daily with the book in their book bag. Please remember to read the same book a few times throughout the week to build confidence and fluency. Remember you can continue to use Rising Stars and 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.



Wider curriculum

In science, we will be looking at different materials and their properties. During this, we will be predicting, carrying out experiments and recording our results.



In PE, the children will perform a dance sequence telling the story of 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will be encouraged to use great facial expressions and create different shapes to portray the feelings of the people. The children look forward to sharing their performances with you on a video, which will be uploaded on Google Classrooms on the last week of term.



Other

Spellings will continue to be uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these each week to support their phonetical knowledge and application. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences.

Our Home Learning project this half term is based around the bakery in Pudding Lane. We would like you to bake something that could be sold in a bakery. Please may you take a photograph of your creation or email the school if easier. You may wish to write a short description of the appearance and taste of your baked goods or instructions on how to make it.



We look forward to seeing your creations. Please may this be handed in by Friday 1st April.

Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

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