

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

Please find the details of the curriculum areas we will be focusing upon in the Autumn Term below.

Curriculum Area	Details
Literacy	In Literacy this term, the children will be looking at Stories in Familiar Settings and Fantasy stories as part of their Fiction work. The children will continue to work on using punctuation accurately in sentences and also begin to extend sentences by using adjectives and conjunctions. The children will also begin to look at different forms of sentences. For our work on Non-fiction, the children will look at Letters and Postcards and Information about Pets texts, where they will use adjectives in their writing and begin to use commas in lists. For our work on Poetry, the children will look at different poems by the same poet.
Maths	For our maths work this term, the children will begin by focusing on place value to partition before beginning to use this to add ones and tens to 2-digit numbers. After this we will move onto work on measurement before looking at multiplication and division. The children will also secure their knowledge of 2D shapes, including position. The initial times tables that we will begin to secure are the 10, 5 and 2's.
Topic	This term our topic is The Great Fire of London. The children will find out about life in 17th Century London before discovering how the fire started and why it burned for so long. We will hopefully be having a visit from the firefighters in a few weeks as part of this work. The children will create landscape paintings of the fire and use their painting knowledge to mix secondary colours. They will also design and make a fire engine that could have been used to fight the fire, thinking about how to make it move. Later in the term, we will be recapping continents, oceans and the countries of the U.K.
Computing	In Computing the children will label the key parts of a computer and identify what they do. They will then move onto identifying what objects could have a computer inside of them before designing their own inventions, thinking of inputs and outputs. We will then begin to look at computer algorithms.
RE	Our work in the first half term will focus on the teachings of Jesus and kindness. Our second topic will focus upon Christmas and why Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world.
PSHCE	For the first half of the term we will look at how we can keep our bodies healthy, including the importance of sleep and brushing our teeth.

	In the second half of the term we will look at how we can always show kindness towards other people despite our differences.
Science	For the first part of the term our topic will be Uses of Everyday Materials. The children will investigate the different properties of materials and how these make items suitable or unsuitable for a particular use. In the second half of the term we will then look at the scientist Charles Macintosh and his work into waterproof materials. The children will then plan and carry out their own investigation into this.
PE	The children will work on the gymnastics skills during the first half of the term before moving onto a dance unit to link movements together. They will also practice their throwing and catching skills during multi-sports before looking at travel and dribble skills during invasion games. We will endeavour to do PE outside as much as possible during the autumn- please feel free to send in tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper as the weather begins to turn colder.
Music	Autumn 1 focuses on timbre. Learning includes: moving and chanting to the beat, reinforcing understanding of performing techniques, moving in time to the music, identifying instrument names, experimenting with other sound makers, beginning to sequence sounds. Autumn 2 focuses on rhythm. Learning includes: discussing and identifying a pulse, moving around the room to music with a strong and weak sense of beat, singing simple cumulative songs, making a sequence of movements to match the music, performing the rhythm of well-known songs, introduction of 'Oscar and Joe' puppets. We will also be practising songs for our Harvest festival and Christmas show.

The children bring home daily reading books. The children read daily in Year 2 across a range of text styles, but please hear your children read as frequently as possible at home. Even five minutes of reading at home every day helps to build fluency and confidence.

The children can leave their PE kits at school and these will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be happy to discuss these with you and I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the next year.

Kind regards,

Miss Pickard