



Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to the Autumn Term! We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and have managed to stay safe, healthy and happy. We wish you a massive warm welcome back to school and hope you are ready for a busy and exciting year ahead. As your children get back into the routine we thought it would be useful to remind you of some of the key items your child is expected to bring into school. These include (clearly named):

- PE Kit (shorts/ joggers, white T-Shirt and trainers/ pumps)
- Coat (weather appropriate e.g. hoods during wet weather)
- Reusable water bottle

This newsletter will outline the subject areas which the children will be covering, during the Autumn Term.

English

This term we will be focusing on the 'Tin Forest' by Helen Ward, which is a beautiful crafted modern fable and 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds which is about developing artistic talents. These texts will be used to support children with the transition back into school.

During the second half term, we will begin by reading the story of 'George and the dragon' by Chris Wormell. The children will be learning to use a range of skills for specific reading and writing genres linked to the text such as narrative, recount, poetry and reports. The text we will be looking at for the second half term will be Jack and the beanstalk.

This term spellings will be listed on the homework grid and will consist of the first 100 high frequency words, this will be beneficial to supporting children's acquisition of everyday spelling words that they will use in their daily reading and writing activities. These words are general to Year 1/2, should you feel your child requires more of a challenge, a list of Year 2 common exception words will be uploaded onto Teams. Traditional spelling rules/ patterns will continue to be explored in extended phonics sessions.

Maths

We will focus on all areas of the Year 2 curriculum which includes:

- place value – read and write numbers to 100 in numbers and words, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, partition 2 digit numbers into tens and ones, and in different ways and use place value and number facts to solve problems.



- addition and subtraction – use number bonds to 10 and progress to 20, use pictures, mental and written methods to add and subtract single digit numbers and 2 two digit numbers.
- multiplication and division – solve problems using methods such as arrays, repeated addition and mental methods, recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2,5 and 10 times tables.
- fractions – identify $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number or shape.
- measurement – choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length, mass, capacity and temperature, read the time and draw the hands on a clock at 15 minute intervals, progressing to 5 minute intervals, know the value of different coins, combine different coins to make the same amount, including giving change.
- shape – name and describe properties of common 2D and 3D shapes.

Creative Curriculum

Over the course of the term, our theme in creative curriculum is 'Fire! Fire!'. In History, we study The Great Fire of London, where we look at how London has changed over time, causes of the fire and why it spread so quickly. In Geography, we will use different resources to study the school grounds, including aerial photos and field sketches. We will also be looking at London and its locality including a range of human and geographical features of the city. In Art and DT we will be analysing Artists work and recreating them using a range of subject specific materials. In the latter part of the term, children will be constructing Tudor houses. In Religious Education children will be looking at special books from a range of different religions and discussing the importance they hold in others' lives.

Science

The science topic for this term is 'Animals and their habitats'. Children will develop their knowledge of what animals need to grow and stay healthy. They will also research the term 'Habitats' and enhance their understanding of habitats in the local area.

PE

The children will take part in a variety of PE activities during the term. They have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the term, children will be focusing on key skills in Athletics. They will also be creating, participating in and evaluating their team games. Children will be using a range of equipment to help develop these skills. Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on these days.

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Upcoming events

Later this term we will be visiting Tettenhall Fire Station as part of our topic 'Fire!Fire!' topic. (This visit is conditional on the crew not having an emergency to deal with!)

Homework

Homework will be set on a weekly basis; homework will be uploaded onto Teams on a Friday. Children are encouraged to complete as many parts of the grid as they can over the weekend. This will consist of spellings, reading focus for the week, overview of maths and English objectives taught in class and a weekly topic based project, which will ultimately form part of an end product. Occasionally work will need to be sent it via email, so that it can be reviewed by class teachers, this will be made explicit on the homework sheet for the week. Please aim to complete the grid by the following Tuesday, so that learning is still current. Very shortly, passwords to all our online learning platforms will be emailed out to you, we urge you to successfully log into each one, should the need for home learning arise in the future.

A special note to our parents and carers, should you have any questions or concerns, or require further advice on how you can support your child at home, please feel free to contact us. In light of the current climate, contact through email, teams or phone is safest. We hope to send regular updates of all we get up to in school. We cannot wait to have a jam packed year full of lots of exciting learning activities and many memories to be had in Year Two!

Kind regards,

Miss Arshad, Mrs Sodhi and Miss Richards