

Immersion Day

To 'kick off' our topic on Friday 17th January- Would the Great Fire of London happen today? - We will be creating Tudor houses (every child will need a cereal box) and baking bread. If you are able to come in and help us 1-3pm please let us know by Monday 13th.

PSHE

We will focus on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in four key aspects of social and emotional learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.

Our topics this term are 'Valuing differences' and in Spring 2 'Rights and respecting'.

Science

In Science, we continue looking at materials. We will be asking the children to use their knowledge to answer questions including; Is a chocolate tea pot a good idea?

In the second half of the Spring term we will be focusing on plants and learning what they need to grow.

Religious Education

Year 2 will be learning about the new testament and in particular the stories of Jesus. We will learn some of the stories Jesus told and will look at the implications of these. We will aim to understand why he told stories and how Christians use these to enrich their spiritual lives.

English

As with all of our English work in Year 2, drama and oral rehearsal will play an integral role in developing the children's writing.

Through fantastic stories the children will be exploring the narratives, setting and characters and creating a wide variety of writing including recounts, stories, predictions and even poetry. This term we read non fiction books supporting our history and geography topic, and 'The rabbit who stole fire' - a great folk tale.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on giving the children a deeper understanding of the following areas:

Number: The children will learn how to solve multiplication and division calculations.

Geometry: The children will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. They will also be identifying lines of symmetry in 2D shapes.

Measurement: The children will work on length this term, where they will learn to measure length and height.

Physical Education

We have two PE lessons each week, an outdoor and an indoor lesson. Outside we will learn to travel with, send and receive a ball. Indoors we will be creating a dance routine linked to The Great Fire Of London.

Geography

Linked to our History objectives we will look at buildings in London. Using aerial maps we will see how London has changed. On our trip to St Paul's we will walk to the Monument and look at how Pudding Lane is different from when the fire started in 1666.

Would the Great Fire of London happen today?

Art and Design

The children will research and record their ideas of London and what it feels like to live in this exciting city now. They will look at famous historical events that shaped the city, as well as its public art works. They will develop ideas to create designs and sculptures for the Fourth Plinth School's Award Competition.

Music

The Year 2 children at Heber will be building on skills of reading music from the stave. They will move on to reading more complex rhythms and playing multi-note songs on an instrument. We will focus on independent reading using our skills, and performing as part of small groups

Computing

The children will continue to learn about internet safety and privacy. This term our focus is on block coding. The children will construct code by combining events, objects and actions to make things happen in their program. They will even be creating their own games!

History

We will learn all about the Great Fire of London and try to answer our enquiry question - Would the Great Fire of London happen today? We will be using a range of resources including diary entries and paintings to understand what happened.

Topic Finale

We will be inviting all parents and carers into the school for an exciting end of topic experience. Please keep an eye out on the newsletter for key dates.

Educational Visits/Visitors

To enhance our teaching about the Great Fire of London, we will be going on an educational visit to St Paul's Cathedral and walking to The Monument.

St Paul's Cathedral 2B— 18th March

St Paul's Cathedral 2J— 19th March

There will be a voluntary donation of £5 for the trip.

Home Learning

Each week we will provide your child with a maths fluency task that they will need to complete. This will be linked to their times tables or a written method we have been doing in class. In Spring 2, the children should also be using Times Tables Rockstars this term as we are learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Alongside the Maths home learning, there is also weekly spellings for your child to learn and this is accompanied by Spelling Shed homework.

One of the most important things you can do to support your child is to read with them daily. We will provide a book suitable for their level if needed. We will be checking your child's yellow guided reading record weekly, please ensure that you are writing a comment at least once a week to let us know how they are doing.

Can You Help?

We are always looking for extra help. If you could spare an hour a week to read 1:1 with some children or have a specialism or skill you would be keen to share, please let your class teacher know.

Diary Dates

Half term : 17th to 21st February

Parents Evening: Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March

Trip to St Paul's: 2B—18th March, 2DJ—19th March

Book Week: 2nd March (Don't forget to have your Book Week word related costumes ready for the Thursday 5th March).



Further Information

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform daily. This includes black shoes or trainers and a school jumper or cardigan. Please see the website for further details. If you would like more information about our curriculum, school routines, how you can support your child's learning at home, how we support children with additional needs, policies and procedures or if you would like to talk about how your child is getting on please see us at the end of the school day or leave a message in the school office.

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Curriculum Overview

Year 2

Happy New Year,

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and are well rested ready for the fun to begin! Thank you so much for all our cards and gifts; we were very spoilt! Please find below details of the Year 2 curriculum for the Spring Term 2020:

Our Topic

We are so excited to be teaching a new topic in Year 2 this year—'Would the Great Fire of London happen today?'. Throughout the topic we will contrast fire-safety from the past with today, study the buildings of the period and create our own buildings. We will be enthused by the famous diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, write diaries and even bake bread. We will look sensitively link this topic to current affairs including recent fires in Australia.

PE

We have two sessions of P.E a week and it is vital the children have their P.E kit in school. As we do P.E inside and outside the children need to have: a plain white t-shirt (or a Heber fun run t-shirt), dark shorts, a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Year 2 do PE on the following days. Please ensure that your child has their complete kit at school and only ever wears stud earrings that they can participate.

- 2B: Monday and Thursday
- 2J: Wednesday and Thursday



Library Days

We visit the school library once a week on a Thursday in 2B and a Friday in 2J. Please ensure all library books are returned and are carefully looked after.