

Class Two Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to a new term and school year. The children have settled in really well and are beginning to adjust to new routines.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'London' and we will be finding out all about the city, including the famous landmarks and the people who have lived there. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London and other historical events that have shaped the city. In our English work we will be writing fact files, listening to stories set in London and creating poems and rhymes based on the city. In the second term, as we approach Christmas, we will focus on 'Christmas in the capital', finding out about some of the traditions in London at Christmas time.

Maths

In maths we will be investigating things using lots of practical equipment. The children will have a maths journal to record their thoughts and ideas in. We will be looking at the following objectives:

- *Compare and order numbers from 0-100; use < > and =
- *Use place value and number facts to solve problems
- *Solve problems with addition and subtraction involving numbers, quantities and measures.
- *Apply knowledge of mental and written methods when solving addition and subtraction problems.
- *Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 100. * Recognise and use inverse operations to check calculations

Science

In science we will be investigating different materials, looking in particular at the materials that houses were made from before and after the Great Fire of London. We will also be looking at reversible and irreversible changes that occur when different materials are heated or cooled.

ICT

We will be using sound recorders and software to record music and sound. By the end of the topic we hope to have created our own 'soundscapes', using a variety of sounds.

R.E

In our R.E lessons we will be learning about harvest time around the world. We will also be looking at The Christmas Story – much nearer the time!

PSHCE

This term we will be discussing different ways of learning; talking about ourselves and our pets; thinking about how to keep healthy and finding out about our role in the community.

Music

We will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder, please could you ensure that your child's recorder is in school. We will also be learning songs about London and, linked to our ICT, creating soundscapes of the city of London.

Art

In relation to our topic work we will be exploring a range of materials creatively to design and make products. In addition we will learn about the life and work of a range of artists.

P.E

This term we will be doing outdoor P.E on Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting, and indoor P.E on Friday mornings. As P.E kit can occasionally go astray, please can you ensure that your child's t-shirt and shorts are named. Everyone will need to have plimsolls or trainers in their P.E bag to wear outside. In addition, you may wish to add tracksuit bottoms when the weather gets colder.

Homework

Reading - Please continue to listen to your child read at home, just a little every day. Book changeover will be on Thursdays or Fridays.

Take away menu – Now that your child is in year 2, homework is compulsory. Your child's book, or model etc., will need to be handed in on a Thursday and will then be marked and given back on a Friday. If your child chooses to complete the 'challenge' level homework, they have two weeks to complete the task.

Finally

If you are available to help in the classroom at all we would be delighted to hear from you, any help is always much appreciated.

We are always happy to see people after school if you need to speak to us, although it is advisable to make an appointment. We will not be available on Wednesday afternoons as this is our staff meeting time.

We look forward to a wonderful year full of exciting things and lots of great 'purple learning.'

Mrs Marsh and Mrs Lucas