

Year 2 Autumn Term Eventful Elements

Science

We will be growing plants and exploring the needs of animals and humans. We will explore habitats and what living things need in order to survive.



Geography

We will be learning about where we live, seasonal changes and considering the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities.

Art

We will be looking at the colour wheel and colour mixing. We will also be creating artwork linked to The Great Fire of London, which will be part of the Take One Picture project.

Physical Education

We will be working on our fundamental movement skills to develop coordination, balance and agility. We will also be developing our team work skills. In dance, we will be planning sequences of movement inspired by the Great Fire of London.

History

We will be learning about the Great Fires of London and Northampton and considering the factors that contributed to these historical events. We will also be learning about Grace Darling & the RNLI.



Design and Technology

We will be designing and preparing sandwiches using the 'bridge' and 'claw' cutting techniques. We will also be designing and making our own bread, like the Pudding Lane bakery!

Life Skills (Citizenship and PSHE)

We will look at what it means to be part of a community and our place within the community. We will celebrate people's similarities and differences.

Music

We will be improving our knowledge and understanding of singing in groups and performing to an audience in our Christmas production.

Religious Education

We will learn about being part of a group. We will look at different faiths and then focus upon people in Christianity.

Computing

We will learn how to use the internet safely.

We will be exploring what it means to be a photographer and how we can upload and manipulate images to create sources of information.



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Welcome to Year 2. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children and are extremely excited about the year ahead. Our Year 2 team consists of Mrs Sinclair (Middle Phase and Year 2 Leader) in 2 Rousseau, Miss McDonnell in 2 Matisse and Miss Barker in 2 Monet and our TAs are Mrs Hinde, Miss Peal, Miss Crocker and Mrs Caine.

This term we will be engaging the children in an exciting theme called Eventful Elements. We will split this into two mini themes called 'Bright Sparks' and 'The Spectacular Seaside'. During the first half term in 'Bright Sparks', we will focus on fire and wind as we look at The Great Fires of London and Northampton and the damage these elements caused. In the second half term, we will take a geographical elemental focus in 'The Spectacular Seaside', looking at the UK, weather and the sea. As much as possible we will be linking our subjects into these themes to fully immerse the children in their learning.

We are hoping to have a visit from the Blue Watch fire fighters to learn about fire safety and we will also have a workshop, to enrich our learning about The Great Fire of London.

This term, in English, we will be using a variety of texts linked to The Great Fire of London and the seaside. We will be writing poems, instructions, diary entries, adventure stories and letters. Within these units, we will be developing our writing skills, using tools such as the correct tense, conjunctions, nouns, verbs, adjectives and accurate sentence punctuation.

In maths, we will be securing our understanding of place value. Please support your children in understanding what digits are worth (e.g. $32 = 3$ tens and 2 ones) and learning their number bonds to 10 off by heart. We will then move on to developing our addition and subtraction skills before learning more about multiplication and division. This year, we will be focusing on the children learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

PE Kits

Please don't forget that your children will need their PE kits in school at all times. We will advise as to P.E days; however, these may change due to the weather. The children will need appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor PE lessons: white T-shirt, plain dark-coloured tracksuit and shorts, trainers (not plimsolls or Converse please). All kit and school uniform (including socks and shoes) will need to be clearly labelled. Please make sure your child has trainers that they are able to fasten independently (e.g. Velcro fastening if your child is not able to fasten laces).

Home Learning

Children should bring their reading books and reading records to school daily. There will be opportunities for children to independently change their reading books on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children will be expected to read their reading books regularly at home. Please make a note of when your child has read at home in your child's Reading Record (this does not always have to be their school reading book). Year 2 will have weekly library sessions and we will advise you of our library day in September.

The children will be given spellings to practise and learn at home each Monday. These will be based on Year 1 and 2 common exceptions words and spelling rules taught within the Year 2 curriculum; we will test them the following Monday. All of their spelling work, homework and test will be kept in one book so please ensure this is in school every Monday and that the children look after it. We will also be focusing on the children applying the spellings to their written work throughout the year so they will benefit from regularly revisiting the Year 1 and 2 word lists.

Finally, we will be setting a Wizard's Challenge each week which they will complete in their Home Learning Book. This will be an activity designed to consolidate their learning in different areas of the curriculum. This will be set on a Friday and due in on a Thursday please.

A Request for Help

Please let us know if you would be willing to come and help out in Year 2; we would really welcome support with listening to children read throughout the school day. Please let any of the Year 2 team know if you are available to offer your support although it may not be in your own child's class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or one of the team.

Thank you for your support
The Year 2 Team