

Year 2 Autumn Term 1: Bright Sparks



History

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

Physical Education

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

Art

We will be learning about tone and texture, using a range of media to recreate a fiery scene from The Great Fire of London.

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.

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 learning about the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments to London's burning.

Religious Education

We are learning about Christianity and what Jesus taught. We will explore whether it is possible to be kind to everyone all the time. We are learning to re-tell Bible stories that show kindness and to explore how this makes Christians behave towards other people.

Computing

We will be learning to use the internet safely. We will be exploring what friendship means online and the do's and don'ts of communicating when using technology.





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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 Maurice, Miss Knight in 2 Kahlo and Mrs Range in 2 Magritte and our TA's are Mrs Hinde, Mrs Watts, Miss Arnold, Miss Manns, Mrs Dempsey and Mrs Gadd.

This half term, we will be engaging the children in an exciting theme called *Bright Sparks*. We will focus on The Great Fires of London and Northampton and the damage these caused. As much as possible, we will be linking our subjects into these themes to fully immerse the children in their learning. We are also hoping to have a visit from the Blue Watch fire fighters to learn about fire safety.

English

This term in English, we will be using a variety of texts linked to The Great Fire of London. We will be writing poems, instructions and diary entries. 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.

Maths

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.

PE Kits

Our PE days are:

2 Kahlo	Wednesday and Thursday
2 Magritte	Wednesday and Thursday
2 Maurice	Thursday and Friday

However, these may change due to the weather so the children will need their PE kits in school at all times. 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

Due to the current situation, we cannot have books going to and from school. Therefore, please use Bug Club regularly to hear your child read their appropriate level books. As we cannot use the reading records at the moment and would like to see how they are getting on with their reading at home, please log on to the Seesaw Class app with your child's log in and post a note to tell us about each time you hear them read. We will do the same at school.

Spellings will be linked to our phonics work and will be set every Friday on Spelling Shed. The children will need to log in to practise their words and we will then do a test on those words on the following Friday. Please also continue to support your child in learning to read and spell the Year 1/2 Common Exception Words throughout the year.

We will be setting one piece of Home Learning each week on Seesaw on a Friday and this will be due in by the following Thursday. This will be linked to a piece of their learning each week in different areas of the curriculum.

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