



Year 2 - Autumn Term 1 2021

History

We will learn about both the Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Northampton.

We will discuss the chronology, how the events happened and why they are significant. We will discuss how we can prevent the events from happening again.

Geography

We will begin by 'Mapping the World'. This will include an introduction to maps, the features of maps including a compass and a key, before creating our own maps.

We will conduct fieldwork into the geography surrounding the school.

Art

In art, each class will learn about their own class artist. We will produce artwork inspired by our artists.

We will also look at using collage to create a piece of work inspired by the Great Fire of London.

Science

In Science, we will begin by looking at habitats. We will explore what living things need to survive and how their habitats are adapted to this.

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.

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.

Music

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

RE

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.

PE

We will be working on our fundamental movement skills to develop coordination, balance and agility.

We will also be developing our teamwork skills.



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 Miss Knight in 2 Kahlo, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Douglas in 2 Magritte and Miss Lee in 2 Maurice. Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs Hinde, Mrs Parker, Miss Masson and Mrs Dempsey.

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 - Thursday and Friday
- 2 Magritte - Wednesday and Thursday
- 2 Maurice - Wednesday and Thursday

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).

Reading

Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis. Please complete the reading record when you have shared a book with your child. They should read both their library book and school book – plus anything else that they enjoy. The wider the variety, the better! Please use Bug Club too.

An adult in school will read with your child on a 1:1 basis and reading skills will be taught throughout the week in class.

Home Learning

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 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.



The children do not need to bring their own pencil case. Pencils and pens will be provided for their use.

We look forward to an exciting term! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Miss Knight, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Douglas and Miss Lee