

# Year 2 Autumn Curriculum News!

What an busy first half term!

We are delighted that the children have continued to settle in well and are now use to being back at school. New routines are being learnt and everyone is working very hard. The children are now in the full swing of their school routines and have enjoyed all of the new topics learnt so far. We are very proud!

If you have any questions please see Miss Euesden or Miss Hancock.



Science – This half term we will be focussing on Living Things and their Habitats. The children will discover more about natural habitats and the organisms that live within them. Opportunities arise within this unit to observe, draw and make miniature habitats, as well as the chance to be responsible by performing a litter picking exercise around our environment!

RE – This half term will be looking at special people and ceremonies in Christianity. We will also be looking at the Christmas Story!

Maths—We will be continuing our focus on place value, addition and subtraction this term, in order to support children in becoming more secure in these areas. We will take part in regular maths practical lessons and investigations to get our brains really working hard!

## Things to remember!

Please label your child's clothing—including PE kits. Children will now be getting changed in school on their PE day. This is -

Hazel— Friday

Juniper— Monday

Please remove your child's earrings before PE. Children will not be able to take part in PE or Swimming if they cannot remove their jewellery. Tape cannot be worn.

Please remember to read for at least 30 minutes per week with your child and record this in their reading diary. This may mean your child re-reads their book several times over the week. The children are currently working towards becoming reading ambassadors! For each 10 reads logged in your child's reading diary, they will gain part of their bronze, silver and gold reading certificate!

PSHE—As part of our school branches we are focusing on 'Self-Belief Squirrel' this half term. We will focus on what it means to have self-belief and how we can use this skill in our lives.



TOPIC— We will be continuing to focus on the Great Fire of London and look at the impact of the fire and changes that were made after. We will be learning more about Samuel Pepys and why he is important in this topic. We will be re-creating how difficult it was to put out the fire using buckets of water on our playground and create our own 1666 Pudding Lane houses!

## KEY DATES!

- 2nd November—Halloween Disco after school
- 11th-18th November— Anti-Bullying Week
- 11th November—Odd Sock and World Diabetes Day (Wear Blue £1)
- 1st December—Advent event starts
- 5th December—YR 2 Class Assembly 9:30-10am.
- 7th December—Christmas Bazaar after school (Non-Uniform Day)
- 12th-16th December—Christmas Parties
- 14th December—KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 19th December—9.30am Year 5 Church Service—KS1 Children attending in school.
- 19th December—Adult Helper and FOPTM Thank You
- 20th December—1.30pm Autumn Term Ends
- 5th January—Spring Term begins

## Year 2 routine

Monday— Juniper: PE Hazel: Swimming

Wednesday— Hazel and Juniper class— Homework and Reading Diaries due in. Spellings and timestable tests.

Thursday— Juniper class : Swimming

Friday— Hazel class- PE

## English, spelling and phonics

We will be story writing this half term. The children will story map the book Rosie's Walk, then lead on to creating character descriptions and then innovating the story using their own characters!



## Computing

This half term we will be learning about digital photography. We will focus on landscape and portrait photos, lighting and focus. We are looking forward to take lots of autumnal photos!

## PE

This half term we are learning Football. This will develop their skills, rules of the game and teamwork.