Class 2 Overview 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term

English	Maths	Theme: **'The Great Fire of London & The Gunpowder Plot'**	Other Subjects	What you can do to help your child this half-term
Reading This term we will be looking at both historical fiction and non-fiction texts to help develop our understanding of the topics, as well as improving our reading skills. We will look how different text types are structured and examine some important authors from the times of both of these events. The children will be heard read regularly in class as part of guided groups, whole class reading and on an individual basis. Writing The children will plan and write their very own Great Fire of London diaries, adverts for traditional Tudor houses and some firework poetry. The children will practise writing shorter and more extended pieces of work and begin to understand the importance of planning, editing and improving their writing too. We will continue with regular handwriting practice and intervention. SPaG The children will be taught the necessary spelling, punctuation and grammar rules from the curriculum within their English lessons throughout the week with additional sessions regularly timetabled in the week. Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions where lots of the SPaG concepts will be introduced.	At the beginning of the term we will be starting with place value and number work, ensuring that the children have a solid understanding of core concepts and number sense. We will then move on to looking at a range of addition and subtraction methods. In the second half of the term, children will explore shape work. We will be learning the properties of many 2D and 3D shapes. We will do regular arithmetic sessions to ensure that the children are building their confidence and skills in using number effectively. Also, children will have regular practice of their times tables to ensure that they can recite and recall them fluently. This will start with simple number facts such as 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also have lots of opportunities to use and apply the mathematics they have been learning in a problem solving context.	The children will be learning all about life during these events. We will look at key figures, dates and locations for both and explore the impact that they have today. Some of the aspects of the curriculum content is outlined below: History – The children will learn about 17th Century London, the events of the fire as well as looking at Guy Fawkes his infamous plan. Geography – We will be looking at maps and how to read them carefully. We will explore how maps have changed over time and even have a go at creating some of our own. Art – The children will sketch famous London landmarks. Then we will experiment with printing techniques and materials to create firework pictures. DT – The children will have a chance to design, make and evaluate their very own Tudor houses. We will also be trying out some bonfire night recipes. Music – Songs linked to fireworks and Guy Fawkes. Nativity practice. Computing – E-Safety, research and spreadsheets.	Science – We will be linking science to many other areas of the curriculum. We will study materials, their uses and capabilities. We will conduct experiments and design fair tests to help reach conclusions. In the second half-term, we will move on to looking at living things and their habitats and explore why and how certain creatures are found in certain ev=environments PE – The children will continue to have two weekly PE sessions. The first will be with Mr Stanley on a Tuesday morning. We will also have a games / gym session on a Friday afternoon. RE – For RE we follow an agreed syllabus. This year, first units that the children will study are a multi-faith exploration of 'Rules and Routines' followed by a more detailed unit on Christianity in the run up to Christmas. Year 2 will also be rehearsing their Nativity in the second half of the term.	Furthermore it is important that the children read each night and are regularly questioned on what they've read to help improve their comprehension. In Year 2, the children will be set two reading tasks per week. This is to ensure a good pace through the reading scheme and to maintain developing fluency and confidence. The children should practise and learn any set number facts, such as bonds to 10 and 100 or times tables which are being worked on in class. There may be an occasional topic based homework but this will be communicated through the children's homework folders in the usual manner.

Advance – Trip Notification Details

ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS – 5TH NOVEMBER

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Homework/Spellings

Spellings are set on a Friday and tested the following week. In Year 2, the children will be set two reading tasks per week to develop fluency.

PE Days

PE this term will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that they have their full kits available in school. Children should have weather appropriate kit for outdoor PE as well.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Likewise if any parents feel they have an expertise knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering we would love to hear from you.