



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2

Thank you for your support during our first half term in Year 2. We are really pleased with the progress the children have made. They have all settled well and are continuing to impress us!

English

We will be looking at eyewitness accounts and diary entries. This will be linked to our exciting new topic about The Great Fire of London. After looking at the features of diaries we will be writing our own diary entries. This will be done by writing in the first person and writing about our feelings. We will be including conjunctions in our writing as well as words with different suffixes. We will continue to use exclamation marks within our writing to show emotions such as excitement, shock and fear.

Reading Books

Your child will be given a reading book to read at home which will be changed weekly. This book will be matched to the letter sounds that have been learning during the week and will help to improve your child's phonics and fluency. Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading - this is a skill they will be developing during Year 2. When reading, please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to your child read with any other comments you wish to make.

Maths

Throughout the year, the children will be securing their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will now also learn key instant recall facts which they will focus on each half term. In Autumn 2, this will be to know doubles and halves of numbers to 20 as well as knowing number bonds to 20.

We will continue our addition and subtraction unit. We will be looking at written strategies to add two 2-digit numbers. We will be using mental methods, as well as using equipment to solve our calculations. For subtraction, we will continue to use our base 10 by drawing our number and crossing off the correct amount. We will then move onto using a number line to find the difference when subtracting.

By the end of this half term, we will move onto our shape unit. The children will learn the names of 2D shapes and their properties, such as sides and vertices. We will then move on to learn the names of 3D shapes and we will be counting their faces, edges and vertices. You can support this by finding 2D and 3D shapes in your home and talking about their properties.



History, Art & Design/Technology

This half term in History, the children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. To bring this topic to life, we are excited to be having a History Workshop at school led by a theatre company on Tuesday 12th November 2024. In this imaginative workshop, the children journey back in time to Pudding Lane in London in 1666, to experience this important event in history! We will be using a timeline to order the events of the fire, and we will explore how London has changed since the fire.

In Art, we will be looking at paintings by a famous artist William Mallard Joseph Turner. We will be using his ideas as inspiration to create our own Great Fire of London landscape using watercolours. We will be developing our skills in art by printing and rolling using ink.

In Design/Technology we will be designing and making our own wooden fire cart. We will be focusing on how to make the wheels move by attaching them to an axle. We will also be developing our cutting skills by safely using a hacksaw.

P.E.

Our P.E. units this half term are 'Hit, Catch, Run' and 'Dance'. In 'Hit, Catch, Run' we will develop what can we do as batters to help each other when trying to get runs. We will play as part of a team to field and hit to score. During Dance, we will explore movement pathways in given formations and practise switching from a group formation to a whole class performance. We will also practise performing and improve timing as a class.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school. We will be doing our P.E. lessons outside whenever possible, therefore the children will need suitable footwear and jogging bottoms.

P.E days are on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday.

English/Topic homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by Monday.

We are giving the children weekly spellings which they will practise daily in school. They will then bring these home on a Friday to practice (keep the completed spelling sheets at home) ready for their test the following Monday.

Forest School

The children will be taking part in Forest School lessons this half term. The children will be outside, whatever the weather, so they will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Their sessions will be every Thursday, starting on Thursday 7th November 2024. A ping will be sent out with the details.



Reminders

School starts at 8:45am.

The bell will ring at 8.55am and the doors will be closed for the end of registration.

Please ensure that your child is arriving on time for school as lessons begin straight away and any lateness (ie after 8:55) is disruptive to learning time.

Useful Websites

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>

(Usernames and passwords for Purple Mash are inside the front cover of your child's reading record)

Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team.
Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Miss Lally, Mrs Caliandro, Mrs Tyler,
Mrs Shergill, Miss Birks, Mrs Nawaz and Miss Raj.