



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2020

Thank you all for making such a positive start back to Year 2. It is great to have all of the children back and we have really enjoyed getting to know all of them over the past few weeks. The pupils have all made a brilliant start and are working hard across the curriculum – we hope that they are enjoying it as much as we are. We really appreciate the efforts all of you are making to ensure that your child arrives at school on time as this makes everything run much more smoothly and maximises our learning time.



This term we will be reading the books *Vlad and The Great Fire of London* and *Ella The Queen of Jazz*. We will use these books to help us write lots of amazing and imaginative writing pieces, such as narratives, letters and poetry. We will also be completing writing activities to help us understand what nouns, verbs and adjectives are. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others

Key vocabulary:

adjectives letter formation
question marks
punctuation full stops nouns
capital letters finger spaces
verbs poems

Mathematics

This term, we will begin by learning about the number system and place value before looking at addition and subtraction.

Homework for Maths we will start to set Mathletics on a weekly basis (Mondays).

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

tens ones digit more less
add plus subtract minus



Phonics

Phonics will take place daily. We will practise our sounds making sure we can read them quickly and easily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words.

On a Tuesday, pupils will bring home a phonics reading book for the week which will match their phonics ability.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term will be 'Animals including humans'. We will begin by looking at humans, learning different parts of the body and about how we use our senses to explore the world. We will also learn what humans need to survive and stay healthy as well as the looking at the human life cycle.

Key vocabulary:

senses	sight	smell	hearing
touch	taste	texture	
	healthy	hygiene	
	life cycle	baby	
	toddler	child	
	teenager	adult	





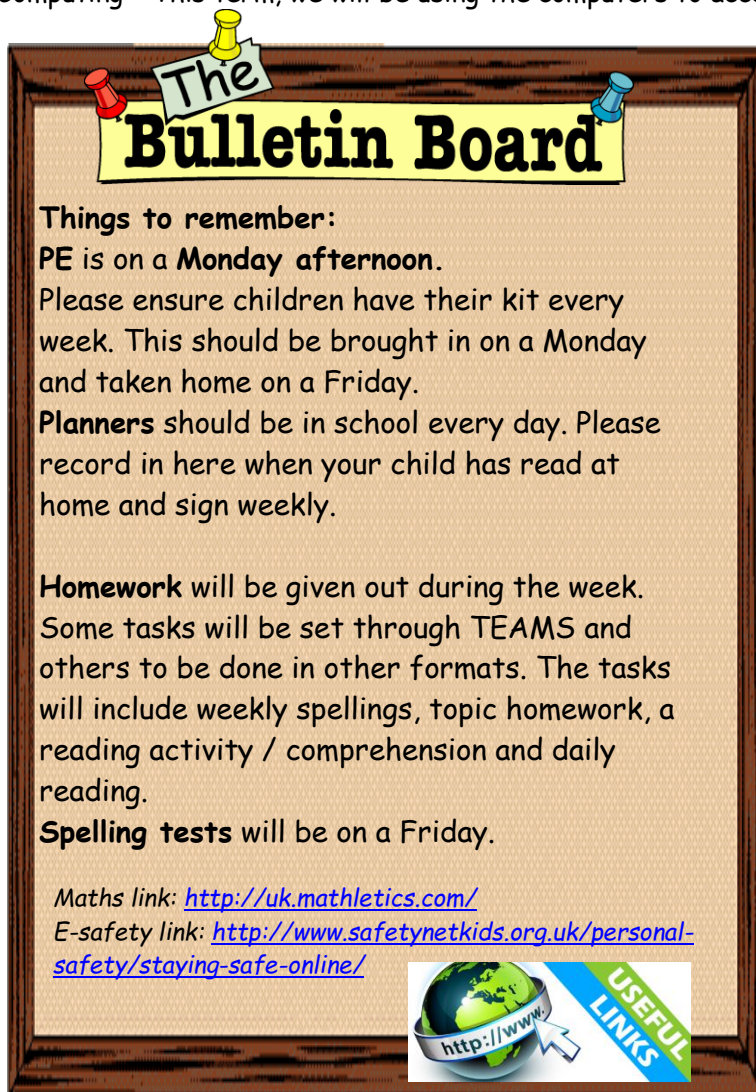
Other Curriculum Areas

History - This term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will begin by looking at the plague, followed by the events of The Great Fire and finally how London recovered after the fire.

PE - This term, we will be doing striking and fielding through cricket with a particular focus on teamwork.

PSHE - This term, we will be reading the book 'Here We Are.' We will then think about how special our Earth is, as well as all the creatures who live here. Children will think about what they like about the Earth and how we can help look after it.

Computing - This term, we will be using the computers to access our new Teams accounts.





The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:
PE is on a **Monday afternoon**.
 Please ensure children have their kit every week. This should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.
Planners should be in school every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be given out during the week. Some tasks will be set through TEAMS and others to be done in other formats. The tasks will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity / comprehension and daily reading.

Spelling tests will be on a Friday.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
 E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

IMPORTANT DATES

National Poetry Day - 1 October

Walk to School Week - W/C - 5 October

Black History Month - W/C - 12 October

Break up - Friday, 16 October

School opens again - Tuesday, 3 November

Flu Immunisations - Wed, 4 November

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that the uniform policy is followed and the uniform is worn correctly. Small ear studs are permitted.

Reading - Year 2 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary with them. Regularly check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed regularly and the phonics book will be changed weekly on a Tuesday.