Year 2 - What are we learning this half term?

English Mastery

During the Autumn term, Year 2 will study *Dear Greenpeace* by Simon James. Using this text for inspiration, the children will write a diary entry, a letter, and a short story, exploring themes of friendship and caring for the environment. In grammar, they will focus on using capital letters and full stops accurately in all sentences and on including conjunctions such as *and*, *but*, and *because* to extend their ideas and add detail to their writing.



Mathematics

In Maths this Autumn term, Year 2 will focus on developing their understanding of place value, recognising and representing tens and ones in two-digit numbers. They will compare and order numbers using symbols such as <, >, and =, and begin to explain their reasoning. The children will also build their skills in addition and subtraction, using a range of strategies to solve problems and apply their knowledge to practical situations.

Wider curriculum



In History this Autumn term, Year 2 will learn about the Great Fire of London, developing their understanding of an important event beyond living memory. They will explore when and how the fire started, why it spread so quickly, and how London was rebuilt afterwards. Children will also learn about key historical figures, such as Samuel Pepys, and consider how we know about the past through his diary. In Science, the children will study Materials, identifying and comparing a variety of everyday materials and their properties. They will investigate how materials can change and discuss why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes. Hands-on activities and simple experiments will help them to develop their observation and reasoning skills.

Reading for pleasure

Our end-of-day routine includes choosing a new book each day to read and discuss together, encouraging a love of reading and shared conversation. In addition, the children visit the library once a week, where they can select a book of their choice to enjoy independently or share with a friend.

Activities to do at home

Please complete the activities from discovery pack – this will aid children's progression in the History topic. Continue to read with your child and check their understanding of the story. Also please continue to encourage children to practice their times tables on TTRS.

Religious Education



This half term in R.E., we are exploring stories from both the Old and New Testaments, including re-telling the story of Noah's Ark. The children will reflect on the messages within these Bible stories and discuss what they can learn from them. Each Thursday, they also take part in collective worship planned and led by Year 4, giving them the opportunity to join in prayer and reflection as a school community.

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