

Year 2: Autumn 1 - Fire! Fire!

English

This half term in Literacy we are studying the work of Lizzy Stewart, in particular There's a Tiger in the Garden and Juniper Jupiter. We will be making comparisons between the texts and identifying styles common to the author. We are learning to write our own descriptions using adjectives (describing words) and compound sentences (using and, but, so, when, because). The children will identify their own preferences between the texts, giving reasons for their choices. We will be reading poetry, reciting parts of it and performing it. We will also be researching our science topic using information texts. The children will produce a short information leaflet. You may wish to take your child to the library to find out more about habitats.

Spelling and grammar will be taught each day. The children will be learning to join their handwriting.

We are revising phonemes such as ai, ay, a-e ee, ea, igh, i-e, , ir, oa, ow, o-e, oo, ue, ew, u-e. We use www.phonicsplay.co.uk to reinforce phonics. Your child will be part of a weekly guided reading session with the class teacher.

Maths:

In Mathematics this half term, we are learning how to partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. We will focus on mental addition and subtraction. Children will be taught to order numbers and will have outdoor maths lessons, where they will use the local environment to have hands on experiences. The children will continue to learn their number bonds to 20 e.g. $14+6$; $15+5$ etc. They will be learning how to represent numbers in different ways and solving number problems. They will learn how to explain and show their answer using jottings and equipment. Pupils will learn to recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems. Pupils will understand that the addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot.

The Creative Learning Journey:

In our topic 'Fire! Fire!', we are learning in **History** about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot.

In **Science** we will be comparing where animals live and what they need to survive. You may like to visit a park or forest and investigate habitats. Bring in what you have found out about habitats to share with the class.

In **DT** we will be developing our design and making skills by creating a moving fire engine.

Our **RE** lessons will be exploring the life of Jesus and we will be learning how to be a good citizen in **PSHE**. We will continue to learn about British Values in Assembly.

In **Computing** we will be finding out how to use the Internet safely and how to collect and record data.

In **Music** a specialist teacher will be teaching composition.

During **PE** children will develop a range of techniques to throw and catch a ball and make up their own games.

Information about Year 2

Homework:

Homework will be given out on Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their spellings which will be tested on Friday.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 2A: Monday & Wednesday

Class 2B: Wednesday & Thursday

Class 2C: Wednesday & Thursday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class. **NO EARRINGS SHOULD BE WORN ON PE-DAYS.** Please ensure long hair is tied up.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff. Mrs Allen -Year group leader (2A), Mr Cheung (2B) and Miss Lee(2C).

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 2nd October- Harvest Festival