

# **YEAR 2 - AUTUMN 2**

## **CLASS NEWSLETTER**

We are having a brilliant term so far in Year 2. The children loved learning about Castles and we are very proud of the work that they have produced so far. We are now looking forward to our new topic, all about

### **London!**



We will learn about the location of London and the Capital City's importance, some of its famous landmarks, transportation types and homes, as well as events from the past and differences between old and new London.

#### **Literacy - Writing**

In Literacy our main focus will be **PUNCTUATION**; including the use of Capital Letters, Full Stops, Question Marks, Exclamation marks and Commas in lists. The children will be taught to apply their punctuation through a range of writing activities including, Newspaper articles, diary entries, poetry and stories.

#### **Literacy - Reading**

The children will continue to work on Reading Comprehension activities and practise answering questions about the texts they read using full sentences.

Thank you for your amazing support during our autumn 1 Reading Challenge. We will hold another Challenge towards the end of this half term, but please do continue to read a little each day as it really does make a difference to children's progress.

Also please continue to use our Book Drop facility and remember that our class Library Day is Tuesday.

## Numeracy- Addition and Subtraction

We will continue our daily work on Addition and Subtraction and then move onto Measurement, focusing on Money, for the last few weeks before Christmas.

The children will also practise their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables weekly as well as touch on other areas of mathematics this half term.

## Science - Uses of Everyday Materials

The children will be learning about different materials and investigating the properties of them. They will carry out investigations and analyse their findings.

## History - The Great Fire of London

We will learn about the events of the Great Fire of London. As part of our study we will look at the chronology of events, including why the fire spread so quickly. Workington Fire Brigade is coming into school to teach us how fire safety equipment has changed over the years.

We will also investigate how we can use sources of information to learn about the past.

## PE

Our class PE days will continue to be Tuesdays and Thursdays and this half term our coaches will be teaching a variety of skills including Dance to the children. Please remove earrings on these days.

## Homework

Red Homework books - Given each Friday to be returned on the Monday.

Spellings - Sent out on Mondays to be learned by Friday.

Reading Books - Please read a little each night if possible.

## Art/ DT

The children will enjoy a range of seasonal crafting activities including; Bonfire Night art, Poppy Day art, designing Christmas cards, calendars, gifts and entering the Mayor's Christmas card contest.

## British Values - SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural.)

We will be learning about Bonfire traditions, Remembrance Day including visiting the Cenotaph, World War two, Children in Need charity, Christingle, Christmas and Diwali and we will go singing for the elderly.

## Computing

The children will work on a range of skills using the Purple Mash computing program. Please use your child's login details to access this program at home.

## Show and Tell

Our Show and Tell will continue to be held on Mondays only. Please try to keep special things to show on this one day of the week :)

## Parents Meetings

Parents Meetings will be held on the week commencing Monday 12th November. Please see me on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, to sign up for an individual progress and target meeting.

I hope that you find this information helpful so that you are able to continue to extend your child's learning at home. Remember to follow your whole school newsletter for dates and events and also to check the class board daily. If you have any further questions please come and see me.

Many Thanks

Mrs C Regan :)