

Welcome back to the final half of summer term! We hope that you have had a restful half term break and are ready for all the exciting and challenging opportunities this term will offer!

**Summer 2 2023 - This half term Year 2 will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	<p>We will start the term by looking at the text <i>The Great Fire of London</i> by Emma Adams. The children will initially be engaged by exploring London in the present and the past, through the story of the great fire. Children will compare the London of today and the London of 1666, using past and present tense. A sense of audience and purpose is heightened as children write a spiel for a tourism event and write a blurb for the Museum of London's Great Fire exhibit. They explore the cause of the fire and create warning posters in role as King Charles II. Drama will be used throughout to explore the experiences of Londoners during the fire and children will create speech bubbles and diary entries. Children will also role play being in the King's Council and make speeches giving King Charles II advice on what to do to combat the fire. Children will also write certificates to give out to brave Londoners in a royal ceremony. The class will create their own mini-London Museum in class to publish and display their work.</p> <p>We will continue the term by looking at <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beatty and David Roberts. The children will begin by designing their own suspension/ opening bridges. They then will write a short explanation about how their bridge works, using verbs in their progressive form.</p>
<b>Reading Records</b>	<p>The children will bring home a banded book once a week. They will also bring home a free-choice book from the book corner. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Oak will be changed every Monday and Thursday.</p>
<b>Phonics</b>	<p>Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be assigned every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 2 spelling rules and patterns.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>We will be learning about statistics including tally charts, pictograms and bar diagrams. We will also look at position and direction. In addition to this, weekly 'Maths Fluency' sessions will ensure that the children's arithmetic skills are being developed to aid rapid recall of number facts and their ability to solve problems. Throughout Year 2 we will practice and test their times tables (2, 3, 5 and 10) using Times Table Rock Stars. Please support your child with this at home as they have been given their individual login details.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Our science topic this half term is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will learn to identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will also learn to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.</p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>In Computing this term, we will be covering the unit We are Zoologists. The children will go on a bug hunt, recording and identifying the small animals they find. They will organise the data they have collected, record it on a spreadsheet and create charts; as well as add images to a local map linking to our Geography learning last term.</p>
<b>Topic</b>	<p>Our topic this term is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be thinking about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was life like in the 17<sup>th</sup> century?</li> <li>• How did the fire start and spread across London?</li> <li>• How do we know about the great fire of London?</li> <li>• What lessons were learnt from this significant event?</li> </ul>
<b>Art / Design &amp; Technology</b>	<p>There will be a whole-school Arts Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June with a focus on food technology. Our focus will be food technology. We will be handling and exploring fruits and vegetables and learning how to identify which</p>

	category they fall into, before undertaking taste testing to establish their chosen ingredients for the smoothie they will make a design packaging for.
<b>PE</b>	Elm class will continue to have PE on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be ball skills.
<b>Music</b>	Oak Class will continue to be taught by our specialist music teacher (Mr Duncan) every Thursday.
<b>RE</b>	In RE we will explore how forgiveness is important to people's lives across different religions. We will discuss for example 'what does it mean to say sorry?' 'What can learn from stories about forgiveness?'
<b>PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education)</b>	Our focus this half term will be 'Changing Me'. We will learn about life cycles in nature, growing from young to old as well as our bodies.
<b>RSE</b>	Year 2 will be taught the following (RSHE) topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differences: Boys and Girls - To introduce the concept of male and female and gender stereotypes and to identify differences between males and females</li> <li>• Differences: Male and Female - To explore some of the differences between males and females and to understand how this is part of the lifecycle</li> <li>• Naming the Body Parts - To focus on sexual difference and name body parts</li> </ul>
<b>Homework</b>	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and maths tasks for homework based on their learning throughout the week on Google Classroom. <b>Homework must be submitted by the following Tuesday at the latest.</b> Children in Year 2 should learn their <b>times tables (2, 3, 5 and 10)</b> , which will be tested on a weekly basis. Children can practice using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the <b>Mathletics</b> website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn <b>spellings</b> which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
<b>Class Dojo</b>	It is really important that you are linked to Class Dojo. We will update the Class Story with any important information you need to know and contact you via message if there is anything we need to share with you. <a href="https://teach.classdojo.com/">https://teach.classdojo.com/</a>
<b>Key dates</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Art Week Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – Local area walk linked to our topic of mapping. We will return to school and create sketch maps of our local area. Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Week Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June - Art Week Exhibition Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – RSHE lessons will be taking place Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Spelling Bee competition Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Sports Day Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Poetry recital assembly Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – End of year reports will be sent home today. Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Oak class assembly Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Maths Times Tables challenge Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Summer Fair Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – All exercise books will be sent home Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day – Children to spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOLS FINISHES AT 2PM SHARP.  Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct summer uniform. <b>Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging</b> and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.

### Year 2 Team

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