



# Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1  
2020

## News

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Winter holidays. The children worked very hard in the last term and are starting to acquire all the skills they need to progress in year 2. We have had some exciting enrichment opportunities with the children that have enhanced their learning and enjoyment. 1920s day. This term we have a number of special events and trips booked to enhance their learning experiences.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will begin the term with the story Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob). Children will be writing a description of the setting, a persuasive text and a report. After that, children will move on to a new story The Whale Song. Children will be writing their own problems and solutions to this story.

Please ensure that children are reading every day and that they are practising joining up their handwriting. If you need any resources for this, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

## Science

This half term our topic will be 'Growing Up' children will be learning about what babies need, how we change and doing an exciting growth investigation.

For this topic, we would like the children to bring in a baby picture of your child so we can see the changes that have happened as they have grown.

## Computing

This term we will be learning about programming and coding. Children will be using Espresso to create our own app. Children will be learning how to code, understand what algorithms are and how they are implemented as programs.

## Art

In art this term we will be learning about colour with a focus on collage and colour. They will be looking at silhouettes from the Great Fire of London and using mixed media and colour to create a collage to represent the fire.

## History

This term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. Children will be learning about how the fire started, who was impacted and what happened afterwards.

Children will also be sequencing artefacts, photographs and looking at the differences between now and then.

For more information, please view the knowledge organiser on the website.

## Music

Children will learn songs, play instruments and learning about musical terms such as beat, rhythm, pitch, high and low.

## Maths

We will be beginning the term with addition and subtraction of one and two-digit numbers. Children will use partitioning, pictures and number lines to help them. They will also be using their numbers bonds to 10 and 20 to help them. After that, children will be learning their fractions. In year 2, we will be looking at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a number, objects and shapes.

In year 2, children will need to learn their **2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplications**. They need to recall these at speed and learn the division facts to go with them. Please support your child to learn these times tables. Education City is a useful website to support with this: <https://www.educationcity.com/learn-your-times-tables-with-educationcity/>

## RE

Children will be learning about Judaism this half term. We will be learning about what festivals are celebrated, what foods are eaten and what books are used to practise this religion. For more information, please view the knowledge organiser on the website.

## P.E

In P.E. children will be learning about dance and gymnastics. We will be linking actions to create a sequence and simple movement patterns. Children will be given the opportunity at the end of the unit to perform their own dances.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Thank you

Miss Chaudhry 2W

Miss Chowdhury 2P

Miss Khan 2S

and Miss MacIvor 2F



# Year 2 Topic Home Learning Spring 1

Please choose **at least** one of the challenges to complete.

## Great Fire of London



Research the Great Fire of London and create a story book.

Can you add illustrations to your story?  
What are the key events that happened during this time?  
How have things changed in London since then?

## How have you changed?



Create a poster about yourself to explain how you have changed. You will need a photo of yourself when you were a baby and a photo of yourself today. Compare the photos and write about any changes you notice.

Think about:

What has changed physically?  
Has anything stayed the same?  
What has changed in what you like to do?  
Why have these changes occurred?



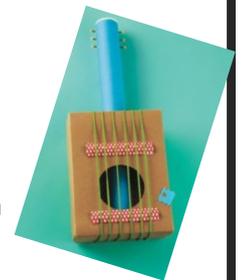
**Remember to make your poster bright and attractive so it stands out.**

## Make a musical instrument!

Use materials you have at home to make your own instruments.

There are lots of ideas on the internet, here is one useful website:

<https://www.learningliftoff.com/make-homemade-music-with-these-6-diy-instruments/>



When you have made your instrument, bring it to school or take a photo of it. What pitch does your instrument make? What beat can you make with your instrument?

## Compulsory Homework

Each Friday your child will be given Year 2 spellings which they need to practise and learn for a test every Friday. Children will be given English and Maths homework on Thursdays. This is due back on Tuesdays. They will be given a CGP Homework book from which they will be expected to complete specific pages.