Year 2
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 - 2022

Welcome to Year 2!

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back into school. They have all settled in well and are becoming used to new routines and procedures.

We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Mindham, Mrs Haigh & Mr Mellor

In English, we will begin the term by reading a range of Paddington stories. We will write descriptions of some of the characters and retell the story in our own words. We will make a model of Paddington Bear and then write instructions on how to do so.
Later on in the term, we will learn about The Great Fire of London. We will write a recount of the events and learn about the famous diarist Samuel Pepys. We will learn the features of a diary and will write a diary, imagining we were alive in 1666.
We will read and perform the poem 'A Tiny Burning Flame', before writing our own fire-themed poetry.

We will be reading
Paddington Stories

Geography: Spatial Sense

In this unit, we will be exploring simple maps of our school and local area. We will be using compass directions and locational language to describe features and routes on maps. We will be having a go at plotting our route to school and finding our way round the Pathfinder grounds from our own maps. We will begin to look at aerial photographs to see if we can identify some human and physical features such as roads, houses and parks.

Science: The Human Body

In science, we will be building on our understanding of the human body by looking at systems that operate within our bodies. This includes the skeletal system, the muscular system, the circulatory system and the digestive system. We will learn how food gives us energy so we can move and grow, as well as the importance of maintaining healthy lifestyles in order to keep our bodies healthy.

Art: Colour and Shape

In this unit we will be looking at Kandinsky's 'Squares with Concentric Circles', Delaunay's 'Electric Prisms' and Monet's 'The Beach at Trouville'. We will practise colour mixing and brushwork skills. We will use natural objects to create organic shapes in card, which we will then form into sculptures like Calder's, working together in groups.

In **R.E** our big question will be 'Who made the world?'. We will explore the Christian story of Creation and reflect on what we are thankful for in the world today.
In **PSHCE** we will be studying 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities' and will practise our speaking and listening skills when engaging in class discussions.
In **Computing,** we will learn how to stay safe online.

In our indoor **PE** sessions we will be participating in dance activities, linked to the Great Fire of London. Our outdoor **PE** lessons will be taught by Mr Rogers and will focus on fundamental skills.

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at numbers from 1 to 100. We will be considering what the units within the numbers are worth, breaking them down to recognise how many 10s and 1s are within a number. We will be learning how to spell out the names of numbers, as well as how to use inequality symbols to show whether a number is less than, great than or equal to another number. Numbers will be shown in a variety of ways such as images, numeral form or written form. The children will use different techniques to aid their understanding.

Year 2 Key Information

School planners should be in school every day. They are a key part of our communication with you so please check them regularly.
All children also need to have their reading book in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by school staff weekly.
PE kits need to be in school throughout the week. Our outdoor PE lessons are on Tuesday and indoor PE lessons are on Thursday.
Our library slot is on a Tuesday.

Teaching Arrangements

Miss Mindham will be teaching Silver Birch on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesday mornings. Mrs Haigh will be teaching Silver Birch class on alternate Wednesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays.
Mrs Green will teach Alder class on Wednesday afternoons, with Mr Mellor teaching in Alder class for the rest of the week.
All children in Key Stage 1 participate in a rotation of lessons taught by different adults on a Tuesday afternoon.

Home Learning

Our home learning will include daily reading, weekly spellings and an activity from our 'Pic and Mix' sheet (stuck into home learning books). We will also set a home learning project each half term linked to different areas of the curriculum.

Date for your diary:

Wednesday 21st September (*7pm*) – Parent Information Evening