

Welcome back to a new school year! We are very much looking forward to being back in school after the summer! Our Autumn newsletter will give you an idea about what we will be covering in class and what your children will be learning this term. A huge focus this term will be on helping the children to re-establish their routines and relationships. We want to ensure that the children feel safe and secure in school.

Maths

Children will be focussing on basic number skills, place value and learning to understand what numbers mean. We will be counting in 10s, 5s and 2s. They will then look at addition and subtraction number work and using this knowledge to solve problems including money. Your child will continue to be tracked during maths this year and will be assessed termly. The children will be introduced to Numbots and Times tables Rockstars which can be accessed at home as a fun learning tool. We expect the children to access these as part of their homework.

English

This year there is a greater emphasis on **phonics, spelling, grammar and punctuation** and this content will be taught throughout Year 2 in preparations for the **end of year** assessments.

Your child will continue to be assessed on their ability to read and spell key words which will be set weekly on **Spelling Shed**. We would greatly encourage you to help your child with their spellings to ensure continued progress.

We will be regularly assessing children's reading levels which will involve fluency and comprehension. In Year 2 and upwards there is a greater focus on comprehension skills which will determine reading band levels. Please continue to support your child reading at home at least **4 times** a week as this will encourage greater progress. Rewards will be given!

The children have daily class reading sessions in school to reinforce deeper understanding of a text through questioning.

The children will be studying a variety of texts and composing some exciting pieces of extended writing based on our topic.

Computing

This term children will be developing their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond. We will learn about its importance in our everyday lives.

Science

During this term we will be learning about materials and their properties and how we use them. Children will also learn about natural and man-made materials. Additionally, the children will be carrying out an investigation into which materials would be best for a given purpose and will work on their understanding of fair testing.

PE

This half term children will be working on a multi-skills topic in which they work on balance, hand-eye coordination, agility and team work. After half term we will be concentrating on gymnastic skills. As you will be aware, P.E. kits can be worn to school on our P.E. day which will be **Wednesday**. Please make sure that your child has red shorts, white t-shirt, red school jumper and black/ navy jogging bottoms if needed. Sensible trainers can be worn as well.





History

In History this term we will be studying the Great Fire of London, The Gunpowder Plot, and why we celebrate Remembrance Day. The children will learn to order events chronologically using sequencing words, such as first, next, finally, then and after that. They will also learn how historical events changed people's lives.

Music

Our music module is called 'Hands, Feet and Heart.' We will be focusing on singing, pulse and movement.

RSE

Within RSE this term, we will be focussing on looking at healthy eating and what this means/why it is important. Understanding the importance of rules having class rules as well as turn taking and the importance of sharing and how to share.

Geography

In the first half of this term, our topic will be **Why is the Transporter Bridge important to us?** This will focus on Geography and learning about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities and the surrounding seas.

We will be learning about local human and physical features and locating these on maps. We will also be looking at the human feature the Transporter Bridge and comparing it to Sydney Harbour Bridge.



R.E.

Pupils will learn about the concept of 'Gospel' and the good news of forgiveness, peace and love that Christians believe Jesus brings. Pupils will learn about Matthew the Tax Collector and how Christians believe that Jesus offers forgiveness, looking at their heart rather than what they have done in the past. Pupils will learn about the instructions that Jesus gives in the Bible and how Christians follow his example and these instructions in order to behave in a Christ like way.

Art & D.T.

This term, the children will be investigating which materials are easy to shape e.g. clay, plasticine or salt dough. They will learn that interesting materials can make textures, patterns and imprints. The children will also explore the work of the local artist Mackenzie Thorpe, recreating one of his landscapes.

Homework

In order to reinforce and maintain the progress your child makes in school each week, we have the following expectations for homework. Children will be expected to:

- Read at least 4 times a week to an adult.
- Access Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars 3 times a week for a minimum of 5 minutes.
- Access Spelling Shed 3 times a week for a minimum of 5 minutes.

We encourage you to support your child to complete these tasks as they are key to developing your children's basic reading, writing and maths skills.



MARVELLOUS ME

Look out for updates on what your child has been doing during the week on Marvellous Me too!