



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024/25



Dear Parents and Carers,
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dates for your Diary:

- [Wednesday 27th November - trip to the Guildhall for a Great Fire of London workshop.](#)
- [Monday 16th December – KS1 Festive Performance](#)

The Year 2 Team:	
2LT	Lauren Todd, Amanda White & Eva (PGCE Student)
2ST	Sophia Douiri and Tessa Speak

History - Our topic this half term is The Great Fire of London!

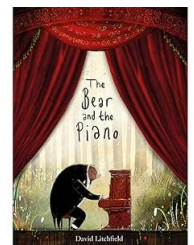
This is a history topic that takes us back to London in 1666.

You should already have received this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page.
If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.



English - At the start of the half-term, English lessons will focus on speaking, reading and writing about the Great Fire of London. We will continue to write sentences using capital letters and full stops and will continue to focus on letter formation. We will also be looking at spelling contracted words and extending sentences using conjunctions. As we progress through to Christmas, we will be looking at 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield.



Children will have either a daily 20 minute phonics or spelling lesson each day.

Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes.
Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - We will be focusing on addition and subtraction.

Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to identify the tens and ones within a number e.g. 36 has 3 tens and 6 ones, recalling number bonds to ten with fluency, as well as counting forwards and backwards within 100.



You can support your child at home by asking questions about two-digit numbers, such as how many tens and how many ones, as well as practising fast recall of facts including number bonds to ten and twenty and one more/less and ten more/less than any number to one hundred.

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - We will be looking at everyday materials and their properties. We will conduct a number of experiments to test the best materials for different tasks.

R.E – Year 2 will be considering the importance of books in peoples’ lives. We will consider how books can guide us in our daily life and we will discuss the role religious texts play for many people across the globe.

P.E – This term we are learning gymnastics in indoor PE and multi skills for our outdoor session.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

2LT	Wednesday	Thursday
2SD	Wednesday	Thursday

PSHE - This half term, we will be learning about how to keep our bodies fit and healthy. We will also learn some basic first aid and practise what to do if we encounter a medical emergency.

Music - This half term, we will continue to have our weekly music lessons with Duncan from Southwark Music Service. We are learning about the pitch of notes in relation to one another and also learning how to read and play simple rhythms on percussion instruments.



Computing - This half term, we are learning about digital photography. We will learn how to look after a digital camera and how to use it to take photographs. We explore how different effects can be added to photographs and what makes a ‘good’ photograph.

The Nature Garden -

All of Year 2 will attend the Nature Garden on Mondays and Fridays. Please bring boots or old trainers to change into since the Nature Garden can become very muddy.



Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>