

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear parents and carers, please have a look over our curriculum for the coming half term...



Learning Together for Life

Articles of Half Term:



Strive Focus – Tenacity



Writing: We will be using two exciting books within our writing lessons this half term. Our first book is called 'The Pet Potato' by Josh Lacey. We will be writing persuasive letters and a retell of this funny and charming book. We will focus on conjunctions, persuasive language and writing in the past tense. Next, we will be reading 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. This will support our learning in History and we will be writing a historical recount of the Great Fire. We will focus on using time adverbs and using subject specific vocabulary.



Phonics: Children will be in their new phonics groups and continuing to learn to read using decodable books and developing accuracy and fluency.



Maths: Our focus will begin on addition and subtraction of one and two digit numbers where 'exchanging' must take place. Children will use base ten and a tens and ones frame to support them. We will also look at properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including vertices and lines of symmetry.



Science: Our topic this term is 'Materials', where we will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials and understand how to select the right materials for different jobs. We will investigate the properties of each material.



History/Geography: In History, we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We will learn about Samuel Pepys, the



Music: This half-term, Bracken Class will begin their Year 2 Music lessons, learning about duration (the length of a note or sound). They will use their bodies and a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments to play long and short sounds, matching them to types of weather. Ivy Class will be learning about texture (the layers of sound). They will continue to use the weather as a source of inspiration to compose their own short pieces, carefully choosing which instruments to play, when and how.



PSHE: This half-term we are learning about Health and Wellbeing - Keeping Safe. We will be learning how rules and restrictions help keep people safe around fire and water. We also learn how to identify risky and potentially unsafe situations around fires and water.



Computing: In this unit, we are learning to understand what an algorithm is and to create a computer program using an algorithm.



PE: In outdoor PE we will be learning the skills required to succeed in invasion games such as football and rugby. In indoor PE we are focussing on dance and how to respond to different rhythms with different types of dance.



RE:



Art & DT: We will be focusing on DT this half term and creating our own 3D Tudor houses inspired by the Great Fire of London. We will be going through the design process and comparing how the structures of houses have changed over time.



Forest Schools: This half term Fern class are exploring the animals and creatures that live in our forest.

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

If you have any spare recycling please could you bring it in ready for our 3D houses. We would like small and large boxes e.g. cereal, shoe, tissue and cereal bar boxes. Please make sure your child comes to school with their reading books and reading records in their bags everyday because we would like to read with the children.