

Over the next term, Year 2 Will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks.

### English

In our English lessons, we are following The Write Stuff units of work. Our first unit is non-fiction and we will be writing a diary entry based on The Great Fire of London. We will be using exciting adjectives to describe the things we would see and hear and practising a range of punctuation such as commas in lists and question marks. Our second text is based on the traditional tale of Pinocchio, where we will be using different tenses and choosing the best words for effect.

Our final book is a narrative unit called The Christmas Star, which will link in with our KS1 Christmas Play, It's a Nativity.

Year 2, children will either be having VIPERS sessions or Phonics sessions. VIPERS sessions focus on the Vocabulary in books, Inference (clues in the text), Predicting, Explaining, Retrieving evidence and Summarising texts. This helps the children gather a deeper understanding of the texts they are reading

### Maths

This term in maths, we will be focusing on the areas of Place Value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and money. We will be looking at partitioning and ordering numbers, adding and subtracting numbers, number bonds to 10 and 20, the 2,5,10 times tables and related division facts and counting and money.

Every Friday we will be having an arithmetic lesson, focusing on basic number skills. Please help your child at home by practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s,, learning number bonds to 20 and rapid recall of the 2, 5 and 10 x tables.



# Year 2

## Our Learning Journey

**Autumn Term  
2023**

### Science

This term our Science topics are Animals including humans and Materials.

We will look at how life cycles, keeping healthy and food groups.

In Materials, we will look at, discuss, and sort materials, predict which materials are the best for which purpose and describe materials using scientific vocabulary

#### **New Vocabulary:**

Life cycle —how animals grow

Food groups/healthy diet– carbohydrates, proteins, sugars, fats, vitamins and minerals to be healthy

Offspring– the young of an animal

### Topic

This term in history, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be looking at different sources to gather information about the fire, look into how it started and why it spread. We will create our own fire engines in DT and collage work in Art.

In geography we be will learning about Oceans and Continents and the impact of climate change on our planet. We will be focusing on polar and equatorial regions, looking at how the actions of humans are changing the planet and comparing our country to others around the world.

#### **New Vocabulary:**

**Continents and Oceans**—the continents and oceans of the world

**Weather**—Weather is sunshine, rain, snow, wind, and storms. It's what is going on outside right now.

**Polar region**—Polar habitats are located at the very top and very bottom of the Earth. They are cold, windy and have a lot of snow and ice.

**Equator**—The Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth. It is halfway between the North and South Poles, and divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

## PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Mondays and Thursdays**. This term we will be focusing on football and gymnastics.

**Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day.** Long hair should be tied back. Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

## Computing

Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to (?). We will also learn about how to **stay safe online**. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices where the internet can be accessed.

## PSHE

We will start our Jigsaw topic, Dreaming Big, by thinking about what our own dreams and goals and how to achieve them. After half term, we will focus on 'Healthy me' - the importance of staying healthy through a balanced diet and exercise.

## RE

In RE we will be looking at what makes a good leader and what it means to different people and religions. We will be looking at different leaders, how they lead and the qualities they have before moving onto the Christmas story.



## Homework

**Reading at home:** We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books.

**Poetry recital:** Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—this improves their writing. Poetry often comes up in year 6 SATs so it is imperative that they are familiar with a range of different types of poetry, techniques and structures.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Miss Davies and Miss Weaver**

