

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2019

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Year 2 Dates
Monday 16th September- Clubs begin- last day of clubs Friday 6th December
Week beginning Monday 21st October: Parents evenings
Friday 25th October: First half term ends
Monday 4th November INSET day
Thursday 21st November: Hampshire Fire and Rescue in with Y2
Thursday 28th November: 3:30-5:00 Y2 Great Fire Event
Thursday 12th and 13th December Y1/2 Christmas Performances

Welcome back!

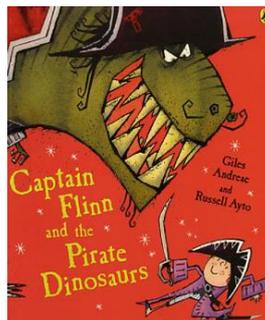
Welcome to Year 2, we are excited to be back to our learning and are ready for a busy autumn term. The children are looking refreshed and ready to undertake the challenges ahead.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with what's happening in Year 2 both with our curriculum and organisation.

Our topic for the first half of this term is '**Adventures on the High Seas**' - a topic all about pirates and explorers, focussing on Geography skills where we will learn all about oceans, continents and the famous explorer, Christopher Columbus.

English:

We are starting by looking at the text 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs' by Giles Andreae and then writing our own pirate



adventure story using the main character from the text. We will continue the theme of pirates as we move onto the book 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris.

After this our focus will change to non-fiction texts when we read and learn facts about famous explorers.

Maths:

During this term, we will be exploring addition and subtraction linked to problem solving and reasoning. We will be using the bar model and part, part, whole model to show calculations.



A key area of learning in Year 2 is the concept of place value including counting, reading and ordering numbers to 100. We will also be focussing on Counting in 2s and 5s from 0 and forwards and backwards in 10s from any number up to 100.

We will be learning about Multiplication and division using arrays and sharing. We will be discussing and using the language and symbols for 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' to compare numbers.

We will be describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes including symmetry and patterns. Finally we will be measuring using standard units to measure weight, temperature and time to the quarter hour.

PE: Our timetabled PE days are:

2M – Wednesday and Thursday

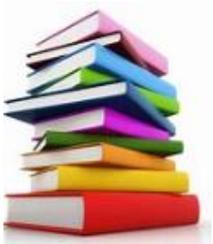
2S - Tuesday and Thursday

We will however be active as much as possible so please could the children have their full PE kit in school every day. We would be so grateful if you could ensure that all items are named.

Our indoor sessions are gymnastics and in our outdoor games lessons we are learning to play tag rugby.

Library

The children in Year 2 will be able to change their library book everyday after school this year.



Our second topic of the term is **'Fire! Fire!'** This is a history-based unit where we study the historical events and facts surrounding **The Great Fire of London**

English:

We will be reading extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary and exploring eyewitness accounts. From exploring Samuel Pepys' diary, we will be writing our own diary entries from the perspective of a character. We will be reading 'The Great Fire of London' and will use this to create information texts of our own. We will also plan, write and edit a story of our own.



Art and Technology:

In the first half of the term we are learning to sketch real life objects linked to our topics. We will be

working on our painting skills and colour mixing, studying the work of Turner.

After half term we will be doing a Design and Technology unit. We will be looking at the design of houses during the time of the Great Fire and designing and making our own buildings.

Music:

We continue to have lessons with Mrs Beton from Hampshire Music Service each Tuesday afternoon. This term we are learning to use our voices to the best of our ability and would welcome you to join us for our Listen to Me concert at the end of term.

Computing:

In our Computing lessons this term we will be using the programs 2 Create a story, 2Create, 2Draw, 2Code and Music Toolkit. The children also have the opportunity to use laptops regularly to support maths and topic work within the classroom.

Home Learning:

Thank you for all your support with reading with your child at home. The children are able to change their reading book as often as necessary usually when they arrive in the morning – please let us know if they're not doing this and we need to nag as well! If an adult signs the reading diary four times a week, then your child will receive three house points when we check the reading diaries on a Friday. When we work in partnership together, we really see the BEST results.



As always, please do pop in to see us if you have any questions or concerns, after school is an ideal time to catch either of us.

We are very much looking forward to a fantastic term with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place.

Many thanks,

Mrs Moore and Miss Singleton