

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Year 2 Events for Autumn term

National Poetry Day –

Friday 2nd October

Walk to school week –

Week beginning 5th October

Parent Interviews -

19th and 22nd October- virtual

Inset Day –

Friday 23rd October

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Monday 22nd November

Thursday 26th November-

Provisional date-Year 2 Great fire event to take place in the school day.

Term ends –

Friday 18th December 1.15pm

Welcome back!

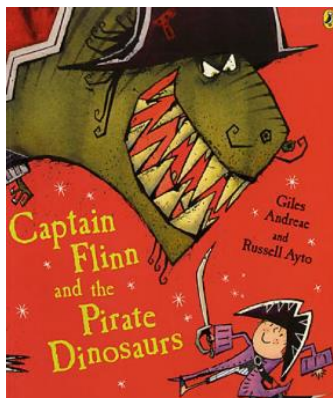
Welcome to Year 2, we are excited to be back to our learning and are ready for a busy autumn term. The children are looking refreshed and ready to undertake the challenges ahead.

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 focussing on Geography skills where we will learn all about oceans and continents.

PE days!
2S and 2W have PE
on Monday and
Friday

English:



We are starting by looking at the text 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs' by Giles Andreae. We will use this text to write our own pirate adventure story using the main character. We will continue the theme of pirates as we move onto the book 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle.

After this our focus will change to poetry when we read and learn some dinosaur poems

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.



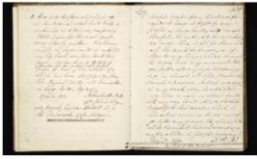
A key area of learning in Year 2 is the concept of place value including counting, reading and ordering numbers to 100. We will also be focussing on counting in 2s and 5s from 0 and forwards and backwards in 10s from any number up to 100.

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.

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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 Hampshire Music Service each Monday afternoon. This term we

are learning about body percussion.

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please let us know if they're not doing this and we need to nag as well! Having a book at home to read for enjoyment can also be recorded in the reading diary. If an adult can sign 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. Any further dates and information will be sent to you separately. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.



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,

Mr A Watton Miss C Singleton