



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Date for the diary -

Monday 18th September: Year 2 Walk to Linford Wood

Thursday 23rd October: Key Stage 1 trip to Cineworld.

18th and 19th October: Parent's evening

Wednesday 6th December (2.30pm) and Thursday 7th December (10.00am): Key Stage 1 Christmas performance.

PE

This half term, we will be doing Gymnastics in PE. They will be given an opportunity to learn and improve their skills and become more controlled within gymnastics. They will learn to make different shapes with their bodies and different types of rolls. They will eventually put together a sequence of moves. Please ensure children have their PE kit in school everyday. Their PE kit must include shorts/trousers, a T-shirt and plimsoles/trainers.

Maths

The children will be learning all about a number system. They will be investigating numbers and solving problems based on addition and subtraction. Children will start by partitioning numbers into tens and units, ordering numbers up to 100 and discovering different methods of addition.

What can I do at home? Please practise counting in 2s, 5s 10s at home with your child. Practise writing numbers to 100. Check work with them. Have they formed their digits correctly? You can also help your child learn to tell the time at home.

Science

This term in, we will be learning about animals and their habitats and the uses of everyday materials. During our animals topic, we will learn about how animals and plants live, where they live and the food chains they belong to. In our materials topic we will learn about the different properties of materials and how they are suited to different functions.

Phonics

The children will continue to follow Read, Write Inc. phonics. They are taught in groups according to their level of development. In each daily session they practise essential reading, writing and spelling skills.

English

We begin this term by reading 'The Gruffalo' to support our Woodland topic. We will use adjectives to describe the Gruffalo; we will write our own stories based on 'The Gruffalo' and write non-fiction texts based on the story. After October half term, we will write non-fiction texts using The Great Fire of London as a stimulus. We will write diary entries like Samuel Pepys and newspaper reports based on the events.

What can I do at home? Read at least 5 times a week asking questions that develop your child's comprehension of their book.

Spelling

The children will be asked to learn up to 10 spellings each week. These will be a mixture of High Frequency words and spelling patterns that have been taught in our daily phonics sessions.

Please help your child to learn their key words sent home each week for reading and spelling. Please practise these words daily, so that the children are prepared for their weekly spelling test.

Topic

Our topics in Year 2 this term will be 'Woodlands and Forests' and 'The Great Fire of London'. For our woodland topic, we will do some map work, based on a walk around Linford Wood; we will learn about animals and their habitats and create some art work using natural objects. During our 'Great Fire of London' topic, the children will find out about what caused the Great Fire, the importance of Samuel Pepys and we will bake our own bread.

We hope the children enjoy their first term in Year 2. We thank you for your support this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 2 Team

Miss Coe, Mr Godwin,

Miss Byrne, Miss Culver-Spall and Mrs Elgar