

Summer Newsletter Class 2



Welcome to the summer term, let's hope the weather is kind to us and that our school remains fully open. There are positive changes happening all over and fingers crossed we will all be able to enjoy the new normal. Meanwhile our start and end of day routines are unchanged to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our overarching theme this term is 'London's Burning!' and we will be learning about the history of the Great Fire of London and also the geography of modern London as a city and tourist attraction. We will also be learning about the following:

- Science:** Plants, and then humans, health and exercise
- P.E.:** Outdoor games, cricket, rounders, athletics
- Computing:** E-safety, databases, graphing and presenting ideas
- Technology:** Food technology and nutrition
- Music:** Charanga Music Scheme - the Friendship song, tuned and untuned instruments
- R.E.** A unit called Questions Questions?
- Art:** Botanical artists including Giuseppe Arcimboldo, sketching skills

P.E Our sessions will be on a Wednesday and a Friday and children need to come to school on each of those two days wearing their P.E. kit as we will try to go outside as much as possible. Joggers or leggings, t-shirts and a hoody or fleece are ideal, as well as trainers please.

Reading: Reading books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays as long as there is evidence in your child's reading log to say that they have finished their book. Please do supplement home reading with any other books of your choice including shared reading of chapter books, comics, favourite stories, fact book, online reading using EPIC or Oxford Owl and of course our new Virtual Library that we will keep adding to. You also have login details for Bug Club which links to the colour band your child is currently allocated to. Reading will be carefully monitored and evidence from guided reading sessions and independently completed tasks will inform the decision to move pupils up through the reading bands.

Spelling: We will continue to focus on the National Curriculum year 2 spelling programme Although there won't be formal weekly tests, word lists relating to the spelling pattern being covered each week will be posted on Seesaw so that you can support your child with understanding the spelling rule or convention. Please do keep reading through, and supporting your child to spell, the y1 and y2 Common Exception Words (tricky words) as we will focus less on these in school now but there will be a test on these words towards this half-term and next to add to assessment evidence for the end of the term and moving into Key Stage two.

Homework: Your child will continue to receive regular weekly homework which will be set mostly through the Seesaw app. This will be drawn from a range of different subject areas. Homework will usually be set on Mondays and will be due for completion by the following Monday. We will send home a new homework book for any recording and also to allow for spelling and times tables practice. Please encourage your child to attempt all work set and please let me know if homework causes any issues so that I can help resolve the problem. Purple Mash activities will also be set when relevant.

Kind regards
Mrs Platten