

Year 2 Newsletter - Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term was another brilliant half term where we decided to carry on our Space topic as the children were so excited about their learning! One highlight of the half term was our space helmets and rockets that the children made in their DT lessons. They really enjoyed becoming astronauts! Another highlight was our Museum afternoon, where you had the opportunity to come and see all of your child's learning - they really enjoyed you being there so thank you if you were able to make it!

The book for this half term is still 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. We will be developing our cross curricular learning with a focus on London. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Another crucial part of this half term is SATS week, which will be taking place the week beginning the 20<sup>th</sup> May. The SATS will take place the whole week so it is crucial your child is in every day. Please also ensure your child is in the rest of the half term as well because we will be doing important revision to help them through the SATS papers.

**Reminders:**

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress especially during this SATS year.
- PE lessons are on **Monday afternoons**. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled** so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.

**Homework:**

- We expect all Y2 children to be reading at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- TT Rockstars is up and running for your children to complete at home. It is really important that your child practises their Timestables every week.

**Homework books** will be sent out on a **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Homework will be now focused on SATS, with a combination of spelling, arithmetic and reading comprehension. Please ensure you take the time to complete this homework as it is crucial in their learning.

**Dates for Your Diary**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - London WOW day
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - SATS week

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child, please feel free to speak to myself or your child's class teacher at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bail  
Year 2 Team Leader

## English

- Explore and write a letter based on famous landmarks around London.
- Explore and write a letter as though they were in the Great Fire of London
- Explore and write a fact file all about London
- SPaG strategies for SATS paper
- Reading strategies for SATS paper

### How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions about the text.

## Maths

- Time
- Recap addition and subtraction
- Number families
- Shape
- Recap money

### How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn how to tell the time
- Daily counting backwards and forwards
- Practise measuring and weighing

## Science

The children will be learning about Animals including humans. They will learn to:

- Understand the importance of a healthy and balanced life style
- Understand where germs come from and how we can prevent them spreading

### How to help your child at home:

- Develop their understanding of balanced diet through healthy food and exercise

## Computing

The children will have the opportunity to explore a programme called 'We are Researchers'. The children will develop their knowledge of how to find information safely online.

## History

The children will have the opportunity to learn all about The Great Fire of London. They will have the chance to learn about where it happened, how it happened and important people relating to the fire.

## DI & Cooking

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be developing their understanding of cooking by exploring a bakery, which is linked to their history topic. The children will have the opportunity to explore, make and taste different cakes.

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Katie in London by James Mayhew

## Book Curriculum

The book this half term is Katie in London, which is about a little girl's adventures touring famous landmarks. Therefore your child's learning across the curriculum will all be based around London.

## PE

Your child will explore and develop a variety of skills in isolation and in combination through having the opportunity to participate in ball skills, invasion games and gymnastics.

## Music

The children will be exploring a variety of songs. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the use of percussion instruments.

## PSHE/Care Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about British values focused around reflection.