

**This half term in Year 2 your child will be learning the following:**

**English - Areas of Study: Areas of Study:** Reading, reading comprehension, guided reading, literacy writing, grammar and punctuation, spellings and speaking and listening

**Writing Outcomes**

- diary entry
- Questions
- dialogue
- narrative
- instructions
- information poster

**How you can support your child:**

- Encourage your child to read a range of stories with different settings.
- Discuss with your child the features of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Listen to your child read a variety of texts at home including poetry, newspapers and magazines and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage your child to create their own stories or tell you a story that they know.
- Encourage your child to talk about their books and complete book activities such as book reviews and character descriptions.
- Test your child on their half termly spellings and their definitions.

**To help your child to improve their reading, encourage them to read at least three times a week and get their reading record signed each time.**

**Maths - Areas of Study** –The maths curriculum covers number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

**How you can support your child**

- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables. The children will be tested on their knowledge of times tables.
- Encourage your child to use Maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Help them to complete their Maths homework.
- Practise their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100

**Topic – The Great Fire of London**

We will study this significant historic event from the 17th Century!

- Comparing fire-safety from the past with today.
- Study the buildings of the period and create our own buildings.
- Study the rhymes and songs of the time; study St Paul's Cathedral and make sketches, prints, clay sculptures and 3D models inspired by this great building.
- Learn about the famous diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn.
- Learn about the food of the time.

**How you can support your child:**

- Discuss with your child what they have learnt in Topic.
- Show your child a map of UK and London.
- Help them to do research about The Great Fire of London.
- Compare London in the past and present.
- Sketch, paint London skyline.
- <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

**Science - Areas of Study: Growth and Survival**

- To find out about the offspring of a variety of different animals.
- To find out about the different ways in which animals reproduce.
- To explore how humans grow as they get older.
- To find out what animals, including humans, need to survive.
- To explore the environment as a factor of survival for animals, including humans.
- To find out how to eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- To find out why exercise is important to keep our bodies healthy

**Useful websites**

**Mathematical games and challenges**

<https://nrich.maths.org/9414>

**BBC Bitesize**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z7s22sg/year-2-lessons/1>

Oxford reading [https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/?s=reading&fwp\\_post\\_types=activities&fwp\\_age\\_categories=age-](https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/?s=reading&fwp_post_types=activities&fwp_age_categories=age-)

#### Phonics

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The following websites are excellent resources to practise and learn times tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We also have links on our own website and will be developing these throughout the year.

#### PE: Every Friday

**Please send your child in full PE kit on this day. They do not need to wear school uniform**

As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on the PE days.

#### Homework

**Each week your child will be given:**

- A short piece of Maths and English homework – this needs to be returned by Monday
- A set of spellings to be learnt for a weekly test.

#### Contacts

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