

## LITERACY

In Literacy we will be focusing on descriptive writing. We will be using a wide range of adventure vocabulary and language to describe characters and settings from a range of different picture books.

We will be covering the different word families such as nouns, verbs, adjectives and ensuring our children can use and identify these in their writing.

Handwriting and spelling are also key aspects of year 2 and we will be practising as much as possible. These are the two focus areas we would encourage children to practise at home to support their learning in school.

# Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

# HOMES

## MATHS

For the first half term of year 2 we will be delving into number and place value of two-digit numbers. We will be focusing on reading, recognising, representing and writing numbers to 100 as well as beginning to introduce addition and subtraction. Our addition and subtraction focusing solely on two-digit numbers and we will be using different manipulative and representations to support us.

Times tables are a crucial part of the year 2 curriculum and we will be working on our 2, 5- and 10-times tables. Children must know these by heart!

We will also be introducing Times Table Rockstars. We can't wait to see who will be our first Rock God!

## DT

We are very excited about getting started with DT this half term. We will be creating habitats for different living creatures which can be found around our school wildlife area. In order to do this, we will be looking at how to use tools safely in order to saw, screw and connect materials together. We will be working in small groups to do this to ensure we develop our skills and safety.

As part of our learning on The Great Fire of London, we will also be remaking our very own Pudding Lane out of recyclable materials. Miss Morrice and Mrs McAdams will be doing something VERY exciting to this... we can't wait for the children to find out what!

## SCIENCE

In science, we will be beginning by identifying things which are alive, dead or never lived. We will be learning all about different animals and their habits. We will also be focusing on what animals, including humans need to survive.

## PE

Our focus for this half term is basketball.

To ensure we are limiting the movement of items from school to home, we strongly ask that PE kits are brought in on a Monday and remain in school until Friday.

## GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

In geography we will be focusing on the UK. We will be learning all about the countries which make up Great Britain and their capital cities. We will also be learning about what makes a city, town or village.

In history we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London and the impact it has had on our lives today. This fits in brilliantly with our topic of homes as we will be comparing homes from 1666 to present day.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Due to the current situation, as a school we are trying to minimise the number of items being transported to and from school. Therefore, until further notice, reading books, spelling books and home learning journals will not be being sent home. If you would like to support your child with reading at home, please continue to share books at home with your children or <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> is a great website to access free books.

- Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school.