

Year 2 Curriculum

SPRING TERM 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Spring term in Year 2. We are excited for the term ahead and have lots of fantastic learning opportunities for the children.

History

This term we will be focusing on The Great Fire of London. This will intertwine with all of the other areas of learning so that the children have secure knowledge of all the events that took place and how it shaped history. Towards the end of the term, we hope to have an experience day where the children will get the chance to make some bread and go back in time to 1666.



Writing

Our main focuses in writing will be on children further developing their handwriting and punctuation skills as well as expanding their sentences with conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We will do this through a variety of text types such as narrative and non-chronological reports. Supporting your child with their handwriting at home would further their development of this, ensuring letters are correctly formed and the sizing is consistent.



Reading

Daily we read to the children as part of our reading pledge. This is to enthuse the love of reading amongst the children. The book we are starting with this term is 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'. We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week to support the development of reading. As well as reading the words, it would be great to talk about what has been read together to check their understanding. As well as the reading pledge we have daily phonics and Guided Reading sessions to develop the children's reading. Across the school we are promoting reading in all lessons.

Maths

In maths this year we will start the term learning about money and using this in context with our addition and subtraction skills. We will continue to cover the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Daily we will be learning our times tables. Please practice 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables at home with your children, starting with the 2's.



Science

Everyday materials and how they are used will be the focus in science for this term. Children will learn how the materials we use everyday have been developed over time, including learning about key material innovators. Children will have the opportunities to investigate different materials and consider why they are best suited to certain tasks.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. The children are asked to come into school in their PE kit on this day.

Spelling and Vocabulary

We are adapting a new approach to Spelling and vocabulary this school year. We have a set of 15 words that will be a daily focus over 2 weeks. We learn about spelling rules and use our phonics to help us break words into sounds. We will be sharing our focus words with parents via Class Dojo at the start of the 2 weeks. If you could talk about them and identify them in context at home with your child that would be fantastic.

Art

Friday afternoon will be dedicated to Art to allow the children time to relax. This term some of our Art focus will be on using different techniques and materials to produce effective fire pieces.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher. We will be keeping windows and doors open to allow for good ventilation, so as the weather is now much colder, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.



Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Wednesday and be expected back the following Monday. Each week, as part of their homework, children will be expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and practice their times tables at least 3 times a week.

Contact

If you wish to contact your class teacher please use Class Dojo or email: year2@leightonprimary.net or in the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733 232949.

Dates for your diary - More details about these events will follow via emails and letters.

- 28th January - Lego Day
- 1st February - Chinese New Year
- 29th January - 5th February National Storytelling Week
 - 3rd February - Harry Potter Book Night
 - 4th - 22nd February - Winter Olympics
 - 8th February - Safer Internet Day
 - 14th-18th February - Half term break
 - 1st March - Pancake Day
 - 3rd March - World Book Day
- 18th March - World Recycling Day/ Red Nose Day
 - 21st March - Shakespeare Day/ Poetry Day
 - 27th March - Mothering Sunday