Monday 6th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope that you had a lovely winter break and are ready for a new term! Our topic for this half term is ‘Buildings’. During this topic the children will be exploring many different types of buildings including famous buildings around the world, as well as investigating what special buildings are used for. Information showing what the children will be learning in different subjects are included below.

In **English**, we will:

* Identify key poetic devices, e.g. rhyme, rhythm, repetition
* Maintain the present tense
* Use simple subordinating conjunctions (e.g. when, if, because)
* Write to inform
* Use statements and commands in their writing
* Organise information so that it is easy to understand
* Know the difference between a formal and an informal tone
* Identify the key information needed for an invitation
* Include details in a story that show an understanding of the culture
* Write in the past tense
* Write in the third person

In **Maths**, we will:

* Identify money in both coins and notes
* Count various amounts of money, mixing both pounds and pence
* Find change from an amount with money
* Show that multiplication of numbers can be done in any order
* Solve problems relating to multiplication and division

In S**cience**, we will be finding out:

* How to test the strength of structures
* How we can support structures and make them more stable

In **History**, we will be finding out:

* What the features of buildings in the past were compared to today
* About changes to building materials
* About the differences between old and modern buildings in the local area

In G**eography**, we will be finding out:

* About the features of different homes around the world
* What influenced the design of homes around the world
* About traditional homes

In **Music**, we will be finding out:

* Exploring sounds using percussion instruments
* Developing our understanding of rhythm and pulse
* Continuing to use our voices and learning songs
* Composing our own sounds to create soundscapes

In A**rt**, we’ll be:

* Creating our own art inspired by the artist Yoni Alter
* Using the London skyline to influence our artwork
* Experimenting with watercolour paint
* Using clay to create textured effects

In **Computing**, our topic is ‘Computing systems and networks - IT around us’, where we will explore:

* What is Information Technology (IT)?
* What IT do we use in school?
* Where are you likely to find IT?
* What are the benefits of using IT?
* How do we use IT safely?
* What different ways can we use IT?

In **P.E**, we’ll be:

* Able to find and stay in a space
* Learning and remembering three key body shapes related to gymnastics
* Performing jumps and balances
* Learning how to travel and move in different ways
* Working on our cooperation and coordination

In **R.E,** we’ll be:

* Identifying the way a Muslim might describe God
* Retelling a story about Allah and Prophet Muhammad
* Learning why Muslims try to follow Muhammad and have great respect for him
* Identifying what makes a place special, or holy
* Recognising and describe the significance of particular objects and places to Muslims
* Recognise how important the Qur’an is to Muslims and give an example of a way Muslims treat the Qur’an
* Identifying some ways Muslims mark Ramadan and celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr

**Spellings / Homework / Home Reading**

Homework and spelling

You will receive a homework menu with different options of home learning to complete, this will be sent home every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday for it to be marked. This is in addition to the spelling homework.

Home Reading

In Year 2, the children will continue to take home reading books, according to their reading level. Reading records must be in school every day. You and / or your child should use this to communicate what your child has read and indicate when books need to be changed. If the reading record is returned with no comment, then we will assume your children has not yet read their book and thus it will not be changed.

**PE**

**Children are expected to come into school in their P.E on the days they are scheduled to have P.E.**

* Hawking - Wednesdays and Fridays
* Brunel – Mondays and Thursdays
* Seacole – Mondays and Thursdays

Upcoming key dates:

* Year 2 Spring curriculum meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2024
* London Eye trip – Tuesday 4th February 2024

Please note:

* Reading books and reading records need to be in school **every day –** books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.**
* Timetables test will be every Monday.
* Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned to school by **Wednesday**.
* Spelling homework will be set on a **Friday** and returned on a **Wednesday**.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Powell, Mr Smith and Miss Leung