

Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

English

English groups will be reading a variety of poems, stories and information texts to stimulate their writing, either as part of their Read Write Inc lessons, or through discrete English lessons. Grammar, spelling and handwriting will all be incorporated into these sessions.

Reading

Our Author of the year is Anthony Browne.

We will be reading lots of his books and stories and planning work around these. If you have any of his books at home, it would be lovely if you could read them with your child. Reading records will be checked every Monday. Please make sure that if you listen to your child read that you sign their record so that they can receive their reading certificates.

Maths

In maths we will be covering number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; money; shape; measurement of length and height and interpreting, constructing and answering questions about graphs.

In year 2 the children will be involved in Flashback Four (revision of previously taught skills) along with regular skills tests to develop their speed and recall of key number facts.

We are hoping that by the end of year 2 most children will know their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times table. This is something you could support your child with at home.

Art

Year 2's chosen artist is Vincent van Gough and throughout the year, we will be looking at his work in more detail as well as finding out a little more about this very famous artist's life.

Children will be developing their drawing skills through self portraits as well as working with a variety of media to produce Silhouette paintings linked to our Great Fire of London topic.

Topic

Our topics this term are 'This is Me,' and 'Fire! Fire!'

In the first topic, the children will be learning about the importance of well being, exercise, good hygiene and a balanced diet. We will have great fun making a healthy pizza face!

In our 'Fire! Fire! Topic, we will study The Great Fire of London , why it happened and what happened as a result.

We will also learn about Samuel Pepys and compare his account with that of others.

Homework

Your child will bring home a piece of maths homework most weeks. Alternatively, we sometimes send home a project for your child to complete over a couple of weeks which often involves something more practical.

Homework should be a time for you to share your child's school work rather than being a chore! Please come and see us if your child is finding their homework difficult.