

# Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2 2025

Welcome back! Thank you for your current support with your child in their learning. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,  
The Year Two team

Earth Class – Miss George and Miss Anna Mars Class – Miss Ellie and Miss Kerry

## Topic

The children will be focusing on the Topic 'What was the Great Fire of London and how did it influence life today?' Throughout this topic, the children will explore and research old London, comparing life in London in 1666 to their life now. We will describe how people of London acted together to put the fire out as they did not have the resources we have today and give reasons to the changes made now.

## English (reading and writing)

In English the children will be focusing on the texts 'The Great Fire of London' and 'A Tadpoles Promise'. Children will take part in a lot of role play to really get into character and produce diary entries and account of the fire.

During reading sessions, the children will begin to develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions.

## Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on addition and subtraction as well as multiplication towards Christmas. Year 2 will be learning to build on their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and relate them to bonds to 20 and 100. Using the sentences stem "If I know.... then I know" to justify their answers. Then children will explore the inverse calculation of subtraction to further deepening their mastery of addition.

## Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Everyday Materials. Children will investigate and experiment to compare the sustainability of each material; wood, plastic, paper, glass, fabric and metal. To develop children scientific skill, we will be focusing on predicting and writing up results focusing on using scientific language.

## Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher from Southwark Music services. Year 2 will be learning to identify and create their own rhythms, through learning a variety of songs and exploring different musical instruments.

## Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic. Children will be exploring different mediums to produce a Fire of London scene. Using Pen and ink, chalk pastel/ paint colour mixing, the children will comment on the work of a range of artists and learn to blend and mix colours. We will also be baking bread too!

## P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. **Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on Monday.** Children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and change before the lesson. We are lucky that we sometimes receive extra PE sessions throughout the weeks so it's important that PE kit is kept in school all week. Our PE focus this half term will be gymnastics. P.E. will take place on the following days:

**Tuesday and Thursday – Earth**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday - Mars.**

**Girls also have an addition football session on Thursdays this half term.**

## R.E.

The children will be exploring 'What candles mean to us?' and looking at what candles represent in different religions..

## Key Dates

**9:00 - 9:15** - Morning activity

**9:15 - 10:20** - Maths

**10:20 - 10:40** - Break

**10:40 - 12:00** - English

**12:00 - 13:00** - LUNCH

**13:00 - 15:00** - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

**15:00 - 15:30:** Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

*Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.*

3rd November - First day of term

5th November - Bonfire night

11th November - Remembrance Day

21st November- KS1 Maths coffee morning

1<sup>st</sup> December - Monument trip

3<sup>rd</sup> December - Pantomime visiting

11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and KS1 Winter concert

18th December - Class Parties

19th December - Last day of term - School closes at 2pm

**Children return back to school Tuesday 6th January 2025**