



HALF TERM INFORMATION UPDATE

YEAR 2

Adults in 2G: Miss Goffey and Mrs Paylor.

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Additional adult support: Miss Johnson, Mrs Arnison and Miss Ferris

Message from the staff:

Welcome back! We are so excited to have all the children back in school after the holidays (and snow!) We will be using Seesaw to upload children's work and to upload their weekly spellings. We are also starting an exciting new Numbots competition across Key Stage One. Please support by helping your child to access these websites and to complete their weekly reading. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher via Seesaw or during the beginning/end of the school day.

THIS HALF TERM'S LEARNING

MATHS:

In maths we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, money and multiplication and division.

In our money unit, we will be learning how to calculate amounts of money and how much change is needed. It would be great to do some shopping together at home where the children must work out what money they need to use!

In multiplication and division, we will be learning how to use the \times and \div symbols. By the end of Year 2, we will know our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables!

You can support your child at home by helping to learn these times tables and accessing Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars. Ask your class teacher if you need a new login for this.

English:

During the spring term we will be looking at a range of topics

We will start with recipes, where the children will begin by looking at recipes for bread and making bread in small groups. The children will then have the opportunity to explore and create their own recipe for a valentine's day treat!

From this we will then be creating a diary entry linking to the Great Fire of London. The children will take part in various role play and hot seating task to explore their senses and feelings.

Phonics:

All the children will continue to develop their fluency in reading during daily Phonics sessions. They will also apply their phonic knowledge in daily writing tasks.

Art: In Art we are learning to mix primary colours and create artwork using textured paint, for example using sponges and marshmallows to apply paint as a background. We are then moving onto collage and will use a range of materials to create texture.

PE:

Children will be having PE on Mondays and Fridays. They must come to school in their uniform and bring their P.E. kit with them. They will get changed in school before the lesson starts.

Music: In Music we will be 'Inventing a musical story'. We will be using instruments with different sounds to help communicate a story and different emotions. Exploring the music in this unit and trying to connect our feelings with what we hear.



History:

In History we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring why and how the fire started and what we have learnt from this disaster.

We will be looking at historical sources to infer information.

Science:

Our science topic teaches the children different types of habitats and conditions and living things from each one, such as rainforests and the artic! The children will also be exploring their own habitat and comparing it to others.

PSHCE:

Our unit this half term allows pupils to develop their understanding of friendships. We will be looking at what makes a good friend, how different situations make us feel and how we can manage our emotions.

How parents can help at home:

Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read as often as possible at home (At least 3 times per week). All pupils will bring home a reading book linked to their Phonics skills. If you visit the library & your child also reads books of their own choosing, feel free to record this in their reading diary.

Weekly spellings are uploaded on Seesaw to practice at home.

Practice Maths skills using Numbots: your child's login can be found in their reading diary.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on **Mondays** and **Fridays**
- Please ensure children bring their books to school every day so we can also read with them in class.
- **Tuesday 28th January & Wednesday 29th January** – we have a storyteller visiting school
- **Friday 7th February** is Number Day – there is a letter on Arbour about this. We are asking children to dress up as a digit to help raise money for the NSPCC.
- **Wednesday 26th February** – Parents Evening