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## Year 2 Class – Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education, therefore this letter is to let you know the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through until Easter.

In **Maths** there will be a week for each of the following: Addition and Subtraction, Counting and Money, Multiplication, Division, and Fractions, Capacity and Volume.

**English** will be based on the topics below, with a particular focus on non-fiction, fiction, recounts, descriptions and newspapers. Children will first be focusing on recounts and character descriptions, using the story 'Zeraffa Giraffa'.

### Our first topic is 'Posting and Places':

In this topic, pupils will:

- Identify where the 7 continents and 5 oceans are.
- Research Captain George Vancouver and his expeditions on HMS Discovery.
- Have the opportunity to create their own globes.
- Compare their local area with the local areas in other countries. Learning about language, currency and climate.
- Create their own aboriginal and Inuit inspired art.
- Understand where in the world they live and locate this on a UK and world map.
- Compare two countries identifying any similarities and differences.
- Explore how the postal service came about.



### Our second topic is 'The Great Fire of London'

In this topic, pupils will:

- Learn about the Great Fire of London.
- Understand why the fire spread so far and stayed alight for so long.
- Compare fire safety then and fire safety now.
- Research Samuel Pepys and his diary. Writing our own diary entries.
- Explore eyewitness accounts and how they inform us of what happened during the Fire of London.
- Create their own Great Fire of London art using oil pastels and silhouettes.
- Design and create their own 17<sup>th</sup> century house on Pudding Lane using a range of materials.

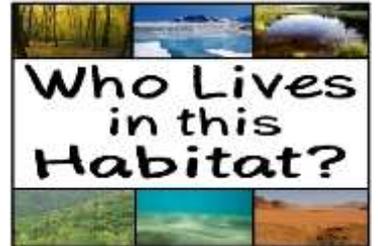


## **Phonics**

In phonics, your child will be continuing to learn alternative spellings for the sounds they are familiar with. Your child will continue to practise blending and segmenting which will aid your child's reading and writing. In addition, children will also be learning prefixes and suffixes.

## **Science**

This term your child will be learning about different habitats, how the living things are suited to the habitat and the interactions between the living organisms within a habitat. They will also explore the habitats by identifying things that are living, once-lived and never-lived and they will construct food chains that show how living things depend on each other.



In addition, children this term will also begin to learn about different ways to keep themselves healthy. They will consider the importance of eating a range of different types of food and also start to learn about the importance of exercise and hygiene.

## **Computing**

In computing this term, your child will be using search engines to research London. They will be learning how to note down their findings and any key facts they discover. They will then use this information to create a PowerPoint presentation, with animation, pictures and will use variety of fonts and colours.

## **P.E**

During the first part of the Spring term, Year 2 will be doing P.E on Wednesday afternoons. The children will be doing dance and games during the Spring Term. Please can those children who wear ear rings, ensure that these are taken out and that your child has a P.E kit in school.

## **Spellings, Homework and Maths Mascot**

Spellings will still be sent home every Tuesday, following their spelling lesson. Children will be encouraged to learn the spelling rule, and sessions throughout the week will reinforce this. Every Tuesday, your child will have a spelling test which will include the 10 words that were sent home and then two unknown words which follow the same rule.



For homework, on Tuesdays a variety of maths calculations will be sent home which follow the weekly Maths skills taught in school. These maths calculations are due in on Mondays.

We also have a Maths Mascot in our class called Leo. The children will have the opportunity to take Leo home for the weekend to do some wonderful maths learning with him. The children will be able to fill in the diary and tell the class what they got up to the following week.

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## Reading Books

Every day we will ask the children in Year 2 to give us their reading records at the beginning of the day. We are continuing to encourage the children to read at home. If your child has read at home they will get a tick for that day. Then the number of ticks your child gets relates to a prize. The children seemed really excited to earn prizes and in turn eager to read.

Just as a reminder, if your child has finished their reading book and would like this to be changed then your child needs to place their reading book on my desk in the morning.

Finally, please can your child bring in a named water bottle every day with fresh water. The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day, and are able to refill these themselves. At the end of the day, we will send all water bottles home to be cleaned and refilled.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any other issues please feel free to drop in after school and do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Cousins**  
**(Year 2 Teacher)**