Year 2 Curriculum News

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for all we have planned in Spring I. Humboldt class will class will start their 6 weeks of swimming at Mountbatten.

We have lots of fun activities and surprises in store. Thank you for your support. Miss Maddison, Miss Mook, Mrs Pickett.

<u>English</u>

<u>Composition</u> – This half term we will be writing a story, a poem and a newspaper article. We will be using a range of books as hooks in the children's learning.

<u>Handwriting -</u> We are continuing to look at handwriting making sure our ascenders and descenders are in the right place.

<u>Vocabulary, Punctuation and Grammar –</u> This half term we are looking at words classes, conjunctions, comma in a list and others types of sentences such as questions and exclamations.

<u>Spelling -</u> We will continue to practise our high frequency words, learn spelling rules and also common exception words.

<u>Music</u>

We will have the music hub in teaching the children how to play African drums. We will also be exploring our feelings through music.

Things to look forward to.

OpenBox Theatre Company will be performing and getting us started with our Great Fire of London topic.

<u>History</u>

The children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London this half term.

They will look at the events that took place in the lead up to the fire. They will learn about fire safety and the famous people involved in the Great Fire.

The Great Fire of London



This half term we will be creating dance routines and Humboldt class will be going swimming.

<u>Maths</u>

This half term we will look at addition and subtraction, money and multiplication and division.

The children will recognise and use symbols for pounds (f) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value.

The children will understand that addition of two or more numbers can be done in any order. Understanding the importance of the equals sign meaning 'equivalent

Counting Focus

Our counting focus this half term is counting forwards and backwards in 2's,5's and 10s.

We will start to rote learn the 2x table.

Reading

Well done to those children who consistently read 4x a week last half term. Children should be picking up a text to read for enjoyment or pleasure. This will be encouraged at school and it would be wonderful if it could be continued at home. Those who are recognised for reading 4x a week will be part of a new year 2 reading incentive.

RE

This half term we will be looking at the Holi festival. The children will learn all about the festival and how it is celebrated in Hinduism.

<u>Art</u>

In Art this half term we will be creating silhouettes of the Great Fire of London. We will be using pattern, texture, line and shape.

PSHE

Our unit this half term is Dreams and Goals. The children will be looking at their aspirations and how they can achieve this.

<u>Science</u>

We are looking at materials. We will be looking at the features of materials and their suitability for certain jobs. The children will be making their own 'little pigs' house and evaluating the effectiveness of the materials.

Computing

Media.

The children will be using media to create their own music.