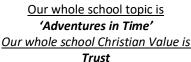


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Trust in the Lord with all your heart - Proverbs 3.5

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about the infamous Great Fire of London! We will be learning all about why the Great Fire of London was a significant event, including how it started and stopped, the timeline of the events of the fire and the impact it had on the people of London at the time. We will also complete the topic with an exciting DT unit making our own moving fire engine vehicles!

Writing

For our writing this half term we will focusing nonfiction writing, creating an explanation text based on the book Rosie Revere, Engineer. The children will get creative, making up their own wacky inventions then explain and describe how they work! We will continue to work on our stamina for writing as well as beginning to develop the skills to revisit and revise our writing, identifying areas of improvement and making corrections where necessary.

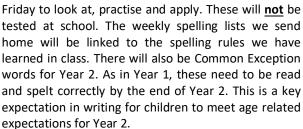
In Barn Owls we will be continuing the Little Wandle reading groups. During these sessions we will read a text together and complete activities to improve comprehension. Once these groups are set up, children will receive their reading book to take home to read with an adult. When it is deemed appropriate, your child may start to access the 'Accelerated Reader' programme. This is where children take home a book of their choice and complete an online quiz at school that tests their comprehension skills. This will be brought home along with a reading scheme book.

If we can stress one thing this year it is to hear your child read. Reading unlocks all other learning and it is vital children continue to make progress in reading. It may be that you feel your child still needs support with phonics to help them decode and we will be recapping phonics for the first half term. If you need any support with this please let me know via email to school. Please also read to your child. This is a fantastic way for children to pick up key skills such as fluency and expression, which are extremely important in Year 2.

The children will also be heard reading individually at least once a week.

SPaG (spelling and grammar)

The focus for learning moves from phonics for reading to spelling and grammar in Year 2. Children will bring home a spelling list on a



This half term, we will also be focusing on use of commas, word classes, conjunctions and different types of sentences in our writing.

Maths

We have now completed our first unit of learning in maths, Place Value. We are now on to our Addition and Subtraction unit, consolidating our bonds to 10, 20 and 100, learning strategies to add and subtract numbers particularly across a 10 before learning to add and subtract two-digit numbers.

We will also be doing daily mental arithmetic to support the children in their Maths lessons. We use the website <u>www.topmarks.co.uk</u> for our arithmetic which has several fun games such as Daily 10 and Hit the Button. This can be accessed at home should you wish.

Science

In Science, we are continuing with our materials unit. We have already learnt to how to identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, and cardboard for particular uses. We will now find out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching before inventing a new use for a material.

PΕ

Year 2 will be having 2 PE sessions a week, one longer session with Miss Richardson during my Planning, Preparation & Assessment (PPA) time, and a shorter session with myself on a Thursday afternoon. Children need to wear black shorts, a red P.E. top and trainers to school on Mondays and school uniform with trainers on Thursdays.

Other subjects

RE – our unit 'why does Christmas matter to Christians?' explores the purpose of a nativity, what the Christmas story teaches us, and the meaning of incarnation.



























































