



## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. Our new topic is **The Great Fire of London** and we are looking forward to learning about Samuel Pepys and how London has changed over time. This term, we are planning special visits from emergency service workers and to our local church. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

### The Year 2 Team

Assistant Head of Key Stage 1: Miss Pickles

Class 2S: Miss Sutton

Class 2HS: Mrs Howell and Mrs Smith

Miss Patel

#### English

Our first class reading book will be 'Little Red Reading Hood'. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative, non-fiction and poetry. We will begin with a focus on story writing. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to working towards using smaller lined books ready for KS2. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on numbers to 100. Children need to be able to count to 100, forwards and backwards as well as recognising and writing any number between 0 and 100. Please also encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands) to the nearest 5 minutes. Further to this, please encourage children to understand coins and money where possible by adding quantities of coins to £1, knowing £1 is the same as 100 pence and finding change from £1.

#### Homework

Daily reading is expected. Your children will have a phonics book to practice their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '**Our Learning > Year 2 > Reading**'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge.

Children can access Numbots online and TTRS to support with maths skills. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this in homework books).

#### PE

On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

#### Science

During this term, we will be learning about Materials. This will include naming materials and their properties, discovering where materials come from and exploring the best materials for specific purposes.

Children will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills. This may include investigating the best material for an umbrella (testing waterproof materials).

#### Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning coding. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RMuNify.

#### Topic

This term, our topic is The Great Fire of London. In History/ Geography, we will be studying London life and how London has changed over time. In Design Technology, we will be studying mechanisms and creating moving vehicles. In Music, we will be learning how to keep a steady beat. In RE, we will be studying Hinduism and Christianity, including God and loving kindness. In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others.

**For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website 'Our Learning' section**

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

# Family Project

Make a family project about our history topic **'The Great Fire of London'**

This can be a picture, a piece of art, a structure, a piece of writing –  
it's up to you!



Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new topic  
**The Great Fire of London.**

Please bring your projects to school the first week back. Can't wait to see your wonderful creations.

## SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year.

w/c 31.7.23	Log on to Times Table Rock Stars and have fun practicing your 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. Challenge yourself and try learning your 3 times table too!
7.8.23	Read Little Red Riding Hood
14.8.23	Practise reading, writing and spelling the following tricky words- said, have, like, some, come, little
21.8.23	Write instructions on 'How to brush your teeth'
28.8.23	Practise your number bonds to 20 - <a href="https://teachers.thenational.academy/units/exploring-calculation-strategies-within-20-0fd4">https://teachers.thenational.academy/units/exploring-calculation-strategies-within-20-0fd4</a>



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Year 1 and 2.

Please sign up to this year's National Summer Reading Challenge. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child. How many books will you share during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded as videos for you to share with your child. What will be your child's favourite story this summer? We can't wait to find out!

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+and+Phonics&pid=90>