

Maths

We will continue to use Maths No Problem to teach maths across year 2. During this half term we will be covering division and fractions.

The children will focus on both the multiplication and division of 2, 5 and 10. Looking at different ways of sharing, including sharing and grouping before covering division by 2, 5 and 10. They will also investigate links between multiplication and division and odd and even numbers.

During the fractions topic the children will start by making equal parts: focusing on making halves, quarters and thirds. Then learning to name fractions of the same denominations. After this, the children will learn about equal fractions, primarily looking at halves and quarters. Then moving on to comparing and ordering fractions and counting wholes and parts

Keep looking on the blog as the children will update you on the methods we have been using in the classroom.

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will start the topic by looking at different building materials. We will then learn about the events of the Great Fire of London, being able to sequence them on a timeline and explore the impact of the fire. Throughout this topic we will learn about a significant individual called Samuel Pepys and life in London in 1666.

The children will learn about Thomas Farriner the baker. It is believed that the great fire may have started in his bakery. During this the he children will have an opportunity to make and bake bread rolls.

We will share children's homework on the topic on a Friday.

Year 2 Spring 1st Half Time The Great Fire of London



Karate

Starting this half term all children in year 2 will have the chance to train with ESKA, a local karate association to work towards achieving a red belt in Karate. This will involve the children learning basic moves (Kion) simple sparring techniques (Kumite) and a sequence of moves performed individually (Kata). These sessions will be on a Wednesday morning.

Computing

We will be using an app called Scratch Junior to teach the children the basics of programming. The children will understand what an algorithm is and how they are implemented as programmes on digital devices. The children will learn how to 'de-bug' these programmes when they go wrong. We will also be talking about e-safety and how to stay safe online.

English

This half term the children will be writing a letter to David Attenborough to explain why humans are a nuisance. This will be a cold task which allows the children to show their progress in writing. After the cold task the children will learn how to improve their letters. This could be through using a variety of conjunctions, sentence openers and adjectives. The children will also be learning a Talk for Writing story called the Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. This will support the children in writing a short native using adjectives, conjunctions, sentence openers and different forms of punctuation.

Reading

The children will all have a reading book which will be read at school and will be sent home to share. If you read with your child, please leave a comment in their reading diary. The children will have four guided reading sessions a week. For two of these will be looking at the book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' and the other two sessions will be based on improving reading fluency and answering comprehension questions.

SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)

During the Spring Term we will have a dedicated SPaG session a week, where we will be looking at present and past tense and suffixes. We will also continue to do regular spelling and handwriting sessions.

Important dates

Monday 6th January – School Starts
Wednesday 8th January – Karate Starts in year 2
Monday 27th January – Wymondham Walk
Friday 7th February – Family Learning event
17th – 21st February – Half Term