

### Important Information

#### CAT Day

Year 2 CAT Day is held on a Wednesday, once a fortnight. The children will take part in a drama, art and Thinking Through Text session, therefore all children should wear clothes suitable for creative activities and ones which allow the children to move easily.

#### P.E

Year 2 P.E. lessons will take place every Tuesday. The children will need to bring a P.E. kit to school containing a T-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. We ask that your child brings their PE kit to school at the beginning of term and it is left in school until the next half term.

#### Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their reading books and reading record. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office.

#### Homework

In Year 2 we expect the children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book and, where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- If your child has been given sight words, they should practise reading these every day. You will find these at the back of their reading records.
- Practise recognising, counting and writing numbers fluently up to 100.
- Learn their spellings ready for their spelling test on Fridays.

Your child will be given mathematics homework each week which this will be set by the class teacher and will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. The children will also have a comprehension piece of work to complete each week, which will be in the form of a physical book. The homework will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class that week and is designed to consolidate learning as well as extend and challenge the children further. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

We view homework as a positive opportunity to practise key knowledge and skills that are necessary for good progress. Whilst your child will not be reprimanded for not returning their homework, they will be verbally praised and acknowledged for attempting it and we value any feedback regarding their attempt as we will use those questions that are causing difficulties as teaching points in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty completing their homework.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the KS1 Assistant Head Teacher, Ms Chandrarajah or Ms Cook, the Head of Lower School.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Year 2 Curriculum Overview



## Spring Term 2024

## English

All children in Year 2 take part in daily English lessons alongside 30 minute Read Write Inc. sessions. The children will be writing a quest tale in the first term for Traction Man and will be writing a diary entry as an individual from The Great Fire of London. They will also be using the text Meerkat Mail in the second half term.

The children will be taught to use the following skills in their writing:

- powerful verbs
- exclamation sentences
- present tense verbs
- expanded noun phrases
- similes

Children will have opportunities to add description to their sentences and make adventurous, yet accurate, vocabulary choices. They will also look at different sentence types and will explore a range of punctuation including apostrophes for both possession and contraction.

Children will continue to answer questions about the text in their reading book, but additionally will now be encouraged to ask sensible questions about the book they are reading and make predictions based on the text.

## Mathematics

This term, in mathematics we will be learning about multiplication and division. Children will continue to learn about addition and subtraction (please see your child's online learning and homework for examples of the methods). The children will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes, money, length, height, mass, temperature and capacity.

## Science

Children will be learning about materials. They will investigate the uses of everyday materials such as wood and plastic. They will learn to understand the properties of these materials as well as why specific materials are used to create an object.

## History / Geography

For history this half term, children will be learning about The Great Fire of London which will include a visit to St Paul's Cathedral. Children will learn to understand a historical event and why it happened.

**PSHE** – Children will be learning about 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me.'

**Music** – Children will be playing a chant/rhythm and learning names for note durations, singing in a round, playing 'London's Burning' on tuned percussion. Recognising sounds from different instruments.

**Computing** – This term, the children will continue to learn how to stay safe online and will learn that it is always best to tell a trusted adult if they run into problems when using the internet. The children will be creating ebooks and researching online. In the second half of the term children will be introduced to creating animations online.

**PE** – This term, the children will be learning to receive a ball using their feet. They will refine ways to control their body and a range of equipment. They will also recall and link combinations of skills, e.g. dribbling and passing. In the second half term, children will be practising and putting together a sequence of movements using different body parts. After half term, the children will be exploring actions and shapes by learning gymnastic skills.

**RE** – Across the year, the children in Year 2 will be thinking about the question, 'What can we learn from special stories?' This term, they will be looking at what stories can teach us about peace and what stories teach us about forgiveness. In the second half term children will learn why Easter is important to Christians.