

Year 2 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Thu 3 Sep - Fri 23 Oct

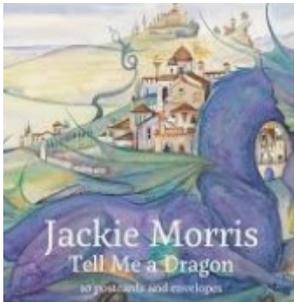
Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely summer, and that the children are refreshed and ready to begin their first half-term in Year 2. I'm so excited about being back in the classroom and I am so pleased to be working with you and your children as they begin this next step in their learning journey. We are very lucky to have Mrs McCauley working with us this year.

Routines: PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. Children will change their reading book each Friday. These need to be returned on a Wednesday, so they can be quarantined. They can also borrow a class library book each Wednesday. Spellings will be given out and tested on a Monday (from 28th September) with a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words. Children should bring their homework diary to school everyday.



Learning Challenge: This half term we will be starting with our learning challenge 'Did a dragon start the Great Fire of London?' To kick off the topic we shall be enjoying an exciting theme day on Monday 21st September. Children are welcome to come dressed as dragons, but please do not feel that you need to buy an outfit, a simple homemade mask and wings would be sufficient. We will be focussing our learning on what life was like during this period as well as how and why the fire started. We will locate London on maps and create our own maps of London.



English: We will be learning about descriptive writing and non-chronological reports. Our focus texts will be Tell me a dragon and Build the dragon, which we will look at in detail. We will spend time exploring different word classes and expanded noun phrases and how these are used in a variety of different texts. We will explore the features of a non-chronological report before planning and creating our own.

Maths: In Maths, we will begin with a focus on place value. Children will be developing their understanding of the value of 2 digit numbers, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. They will also be learning to write numbers to 100 as numerals and words. We will then move on to addition and subtraction where we will be recalling number bonds to 10 and 20 and related facts up to 100. They will explore addition and subtraction using concrete materials, pictorially and using mental strategies.



Science: In science we will be exploring materials. From this starting point the children will observe and describe everyday materials and their properties. They will be encouraged to compare and contrast materials and explore how they can be changed.

R.E.: We will be focusing on the importance of '**Belonging.**' The children will explore what it means to belong within a family, to belong to our school community, and belong to a faith

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, either in person on the playground, or by writing a note in your child's homework diary .

Mrs Woodwiss