

Teacher message – Welcome to Y2

I hope you all had a great summer break and are raring to go for another action-packed year at Little Heaton.

We will be in the classroom next door to Year 1, using the same toilets and playground as you did last year so you know lots about your new class already!

During the first couple of weeks we will have lots of time to get to know each other again and to talk about what you have been up to whilst you have been away. I hope you are as happy as I am to be back into our school routine, meeting friends and enjoying new learning.

Please read the information below so that you can see what work you will be doing during the first term. Why not start exploring these topics at home? I'm sure you will find lots of interesting information.

English: Reading: Please read as much as possible at home with an adult. In school we will have a weekly reading session with an adult in addition to phonics revision using Read Write Inc. intervention sessions. We also read and talk about picture books together during milk time.

Writing: Y2 will start reading and writing poetry followed by writing diaries based on the text 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. We will focus on using past tense verbs.

Humanities (History/ Geography) : Y2 will be researching the Great Fire of London in 1666. We will find out how the fire started, how long it lasted, why it spread and the changes that happened in London because of this. We will also learn about how we found out information about the fire.

PE: Our school PE kit is a white T-Shirt, black shorts or leggings or jogging bottoms with black pumps or trainers that children can fasten independently. Children will need their PE kit for Friday's PE lesson, this term will be multi skills – outside whenever possible.

ICT:

This term will focus on Internet Safety, ensuring we make sensible choices about how and who we speak to on-line. We will discuss what information should be or not be given out on-line and why.

Expressive arts: Art/ Design and

Technology): As part of our history topic we will be sketching and painting Fire of London pictures, making rock cakes and using new printing strategies of making the Fire of London pictures using shaving foam!

Mathematics:

Area of maths: Place Value Understanding tens and ones in 2 digit numbers (eg. 23 - I know that number is 23 because it has 2tens and 3ones). Children will learn the symbols of bigger than, smaller than and equals to. We will do this by using lots of 'hands on' resources and talking partners.

Arithmetic: Please practise number bonds to 10 and 20 ($1+9 = 10$, $13 + 7 = 20$) plus learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Eg. 2,4,6,8,10,12... 5,10,15,20,25..., 10,20,30,40...etc.

Religious Education: Year 2 will discuss and read Bible stories such as 'The Good Samaritan' showing how to care for each other and the world around us. We shall write about how 'The Golden Rule' is followed by different religions.

Science: Why couldn't the Big Bad Wolf blow down the brick house?

This half term and some of next, Y2 will question and investigate everyday materials; their uses and properties, starting with why the brick house could not be blown down. We shall be completing lots of investigations testing how strong, flexible, waterproof or absorbent different materials are.

PSHCE: Get Heart smart

We will have time to share concerns, ideas and understanding about anything that is in our heart. We talk about how the choices we make affect our heart and the hearts of others around us. We shall investigate how we show and receive love and to make healthy choices so that our hearts continue to work correctly.