

Planning and Assessment Time

Every Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Conway will work out of the classroom; this is their P.P.A time. During this time the children will be taught P.E by a specialist coach from Little Kickers where they will develop their football skills through lots of enjoyable activities. Mrs Gaulton will also be delivering Religious Education lessons - which will focus on Judaism and Christianity. Children will also take part in circle time activities to develop personal, social and

Useful Websites

- www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.ictgames.co.uk

Don't forget to check our class pages for regular updates.

Dates for the diary

September

Wednesday 27th September Parent Workshop - Meet the Teacher

October

Monday 2nd October Parent Workshop - What is Bullying?
Friday 6th October Parent Workshop - E Safety
Thursday 19th October Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 19th October Autumn Disco

Half Term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

November

Friday 3rd November Parent Workshop - E Safety
Tuesday 7th November Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8th November Parent Consultations
Thursday 9th November Y2 Educational Visit to Quayside
Monday 13th November Anti bullying Week
Friday 17th November Children In Need Day
Tuesday 28th November KS1 Pantomime Visit to Theatre Royal

December

Friday 8th December Christmas Fayre
Friday 8th December Christmas Lunch



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 2 Team.

Curriculum Overview



Year 2



Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 2. Here is our curriculum overview. We are looking forward to working with you and your child.



English Overview



Reading

Our focus this term is to become more familiar with the setting of a story and the characters in it. We will be explaining how characters are feeling based on what they say and do. We will also be predicting what might happen next in a story. Over the term we will be learning how to answer questions about a range of texts. We will look at a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts. As in Year 1, we will continue to follow our highly successful Read Write Inc programme.

Writing

Our focus this term is to use punctuation independently, including capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. Children will also be encouraged to use a range of adjectives in their writing as well as using conjunctions such as 'but' and 'because' to join two simple sentences. Children will also be encouraged to check that their writing makes sense and make any improvements where necessary. Handwriting will



Maths Overview



Arithmetic

We will build this into the beginning of our daily maths lessons. Children will develop strategies to help them answer questions quickly and mentally.

Place Value

Children will be learning about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. They will learn how to compare and order 2-digit numbers and place these on a number line.

Number

We will be developing calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. This will begin with adding three single digit numbers, progressing to adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will then be learning 2, 5 and 10 times tables in a range of practical ways such as through songs as well as using practical equipment.



Topic Overview



Our topic this term is 'Fire! Fire!'. We will begin by exploring The Great Fire of London then after half term we will be moving closer to home to learn about 'The Great Fire of Gateshead', an event that changed the face of Tyneside in the mid-19th century.

Knowledge and Understanding of the world

Our science this term will focus closely on animals, including humans and what they need to survive. Your child will investigate how we grow and change over time and the importance of exercise and a balanced diet. We will be developing geography skills by locating both London and Gateshead on a map of England. We will be further developing our skills of historical enquiry linked to the Great Fires of London and Gateshead by using primary and secondary sources.

Creative Development

Children will be using a range of resources to create famous local sculptures, e.g. The Angel of the North and the Tyne Bridge. We will also be using paint to produce self-portraits. We will also be creating a new song about the Great Fire of Gateshead as well as using drama to re-enact this event.

Physical Development

This term our children will develop their football skills in a fun and exciting way with our 'Little Kickers' coach. We will also be learning how to combine a range of movements to produce a dance based on The Great Fire of London.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will discuss different feelings during circle time and learn how to manage our

Supporting your child at home



We appreciate any additional support you can give to your child at home. It is invaluable to their progress and development. The following suggestions may be useful:

- Encourage writing opportunities at home e.g. cards, letters, lists etc
- Practise times tables wherever possible
- Practise new spellings regularly throughout the week
- Ensure regular reading practice (daily when possible)

Our creative homework initiative proved to be very successful last year. We want to give children greater ownership over their learning at home and encourage creativity and independence. We actively encourage parents/carers to support their child with these homework tasks and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the work returned to school. We expect that children will earn a minimum of 15 points every half-term

Special Requests



- Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is brought into school at the beginning of the term, including suitable footwear.
- Please ensure that your child's reading record is signed every week and they bring their book to school every day. Reading books will be changed as and when needed, they will need to place their books and diaries in the correct box in class.
- We love to hear what else your children have been reading at home so please comment in their Reading Diaries if they have read different books, magazines, newspapers, internet articles etc.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle which can stay in school and can be refilled throughout the day. We ask that children take these home on a night to be washed and refilled with water.
- As well as our new creative homework, children will receive spellings and times tables to learn. We value your support with this.
- Please check our school website and facebook page regularly for important dates and information. We will also regularly add photographs of what children have been doing throughout the week.

Educational Visits



To extend the teaching and learning in school, we endeavour to provide the children with educational visits which are both memorable and stimulating. This term we will be visiting Gateshead and Newcastle Quayside to experience what it was like at the time of the Great Fire of Gateshead. We will also be inviting someone from the local fire station to talk about fire safety.