



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer! We are very excited to start the new school year and all hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2. We are happy to help. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books 'Vlad and The Great Fire of London' by Kate Cunningham and 'Ella Queen of Jazz' by Helen Hancocks. We will use these books to help us to write both fiction and non-fiction pieces, including a non-chronological report, a narrative and a diary entry. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others and performing poems using a range of actions, chosen by the children.

Key vocabulary:

capital letter full stop finger spaces
narrative diary entry



Mathematics

This term, we will be recapping numbers to 50 and then learning numbers to 100. We will begin to use tens and ones to add and subtract numbers to 100. We will then learn about money and how to recognise the value of coins and notes.

Homework for Maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis (Mondays). If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

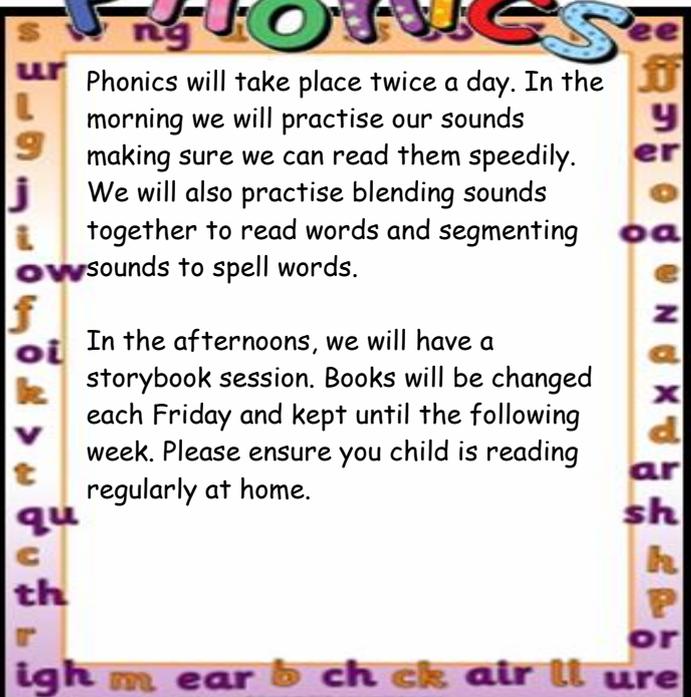
tens	ones	digit	coin	note
add	plus	subtract	minus	



Phonics

Phonics will take place twice a day. In the morning we will practise our sounds making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words.

In the afternoons, we will have a storybook session. Books will be changed each Friday and kept until the following week. Please ensure you child is reading regularly at home.

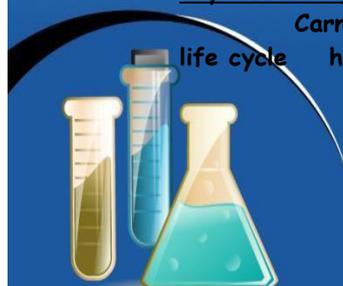


SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term will continue to be 'Animals including humans'. We will learn what animals need to survive and what we need to keep healthy. We will learn about different types of animals and what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores eat.

Key vocabulary:

Carnivore	herbivore	omnivore
life cycle	human	predator
	prey	





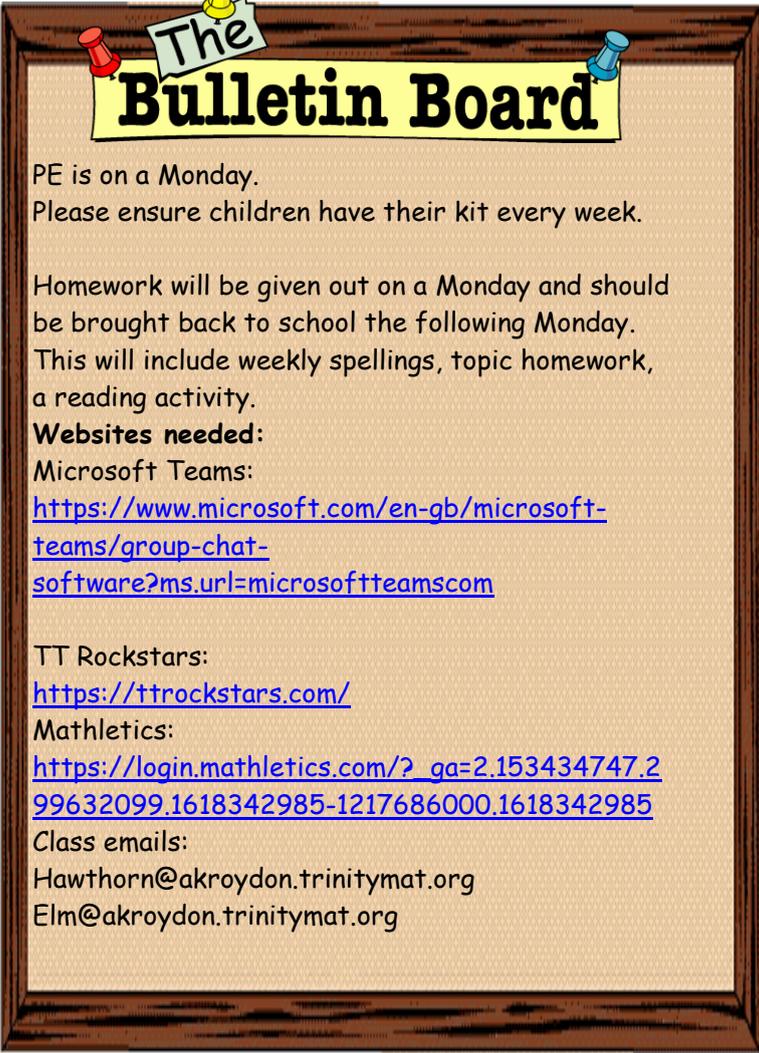
Other Curriculum Areas

History - This term we will be learning about The Stuart Era, focusing on the significant historical event, The Great Fire of London. We will learn about how life was different in The Stuart Era, the events leading up to The Great Fire of London and the changes that occurred afterwards.

PE - This term, we will be focusing on athletics. We will practise our running, jumping, and throwing.

PSHE - This term, we will be learning about health and wellbeing. We will focus on hazards and how to stay safe in a range of situations.

Computing - This term, we will be using computers to begin to learn some coding skills. We will be creating a space computer game.



The Bulletin Board

PE is on a Monday.
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

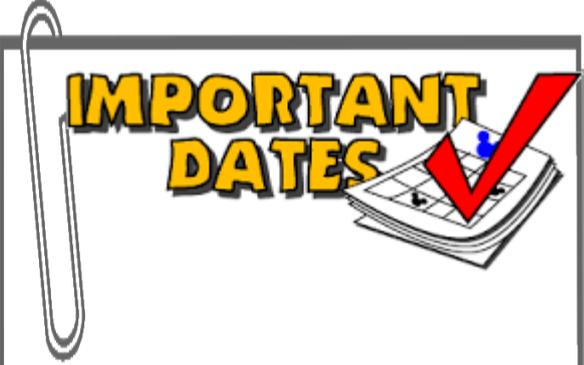
Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity.

Websites needed:
Microsoft Teams:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>

TT Rockstars:
<https://trockstars.com/>

Mathletics:
https://login.mathletics.com/?_ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985

Class emails:
Hawthorn@akroydon.trinitymat.org
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IMPORTANT DATES

17 September
Jeans for Genes Day

28 September NSPCC assembly

1 October
Beginning of Black History Month

7 October
National Poetry Day

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Hawthorn class pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and a 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge.