

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break! We are very excited to start our journey in Year 2 with lots of 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 team. 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 write diary entries based on the Great Fire of London and write fact files on Ella Fitzgerald.

Key vocabulary:

capital letter full stop finger spaces
sentence predict infer question
marks adjectives verbs facts

Mathematics

This term, we will start by reviewing our understanding of numbers up to 100. We will practise using tens and ones to support our understanding of place value. We will then begin to look at addition and subtraction, beginning by recapping number bonds and moving on to add and subtract to 100. We will also begin to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Key vocabulary:

tens ones addition
addend equation add

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 your child is reading regularly at home. Please sign your child's planner each time you have listened to them read so we can add it onto their 100 square chart. Each time your child has read 10 times, they will receive 5 achievement points.

SCIENCE

In science we will be learning about how to stay healthy. We will look at how exercise, eating the right food and maintaining hygiene can help us look after our bodies. We will use practical experiments to find out more about how exercise affects our bodies, investigate how healthy the food we eat is and learn about how germs are spread.

Key vocabulary:

Healthy un-
healthy survive
observe diet
hygiene germs



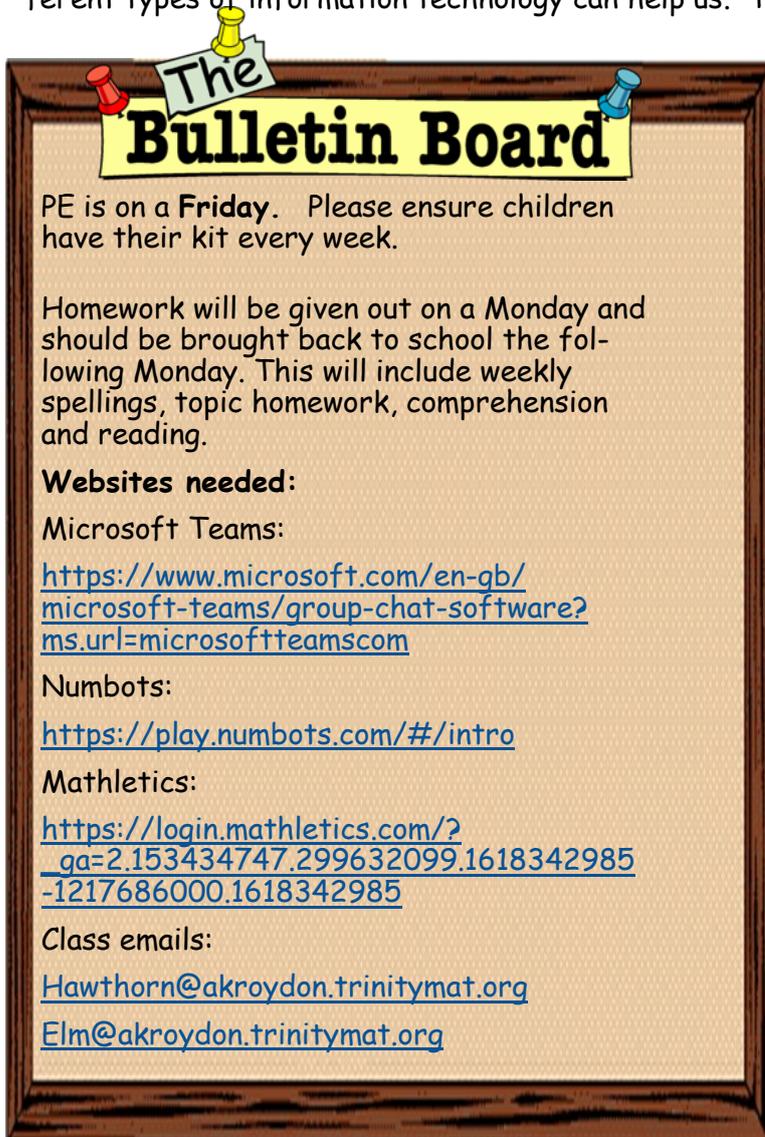
Other Curriculum Areas

History - This term we will be finding out about when the Great fire of London took place, how it happened and how it ended. This will include learning out about Samuel Pepys' diary and how it can be used as a source of evidence. Finally, we will look at the impact that the Great Fire had on the future of London.

PE - This term we will be focusing on athletics. We will explore different running, jumping and throwing techniques and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

RE - This term we will be learning about how religious customs and ceremonies are used to welcome babies.

Computing - We will learn that computers are a type of information technology and identify how different types of information technology can help us. This will include how to use it safely.



The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Friday**. 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, comprehension and reading.

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

Numbots:
<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

Mathletics:
<https://login.mathletics.com/?ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985>

Class emails:
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IMPORTANT DATES

13 September — Roald Dahl Day

21 September — International Day of Peace

23 September — Jeans for Genes day

6 October — National Poetry Day

14 October — School closes for half term 1

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 - Year 2 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