

Year 2 Chestnut Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! This term our exciting topics will be **The Great Fire of London** and **Africa**.

In **English** this half term we will be looking at newspaper reports and diaries. After half term we will look at stories from other cultures and traditional tales. On a Thursday and Friday we will complete grammar and reading comprehension lessons.

During our **History** lessons we will learn about the Great Fire and in our **Geography** lessons we will learn all about **Africa**, particularly focusing on Kenya.

Our **Art and DT** lessons will link in with our topic where we will make bread, fire collages, create African masks, sunset pictures and print our own traditional African Batik.

During our **Computing** lessons the topic will be Robot Algorithms, where we will learn how computers work by needing precise instructions in order to carry out tasks. Then after half term we will be creating our own media by making music by using technology purposefully to create digital content comparing the benefit of different programs.

In **PE** this half term we will be doing dance and Pilates on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child comes into school in the correct PE kit on these days.

During **Science** lessons the children will be learning all about Animals including Humans. We will learn all about lifecycles, basic survival needs and how to stay healthy.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions 'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?' and 'How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?'. This will be taught by Mrs Mason.

In **music**, the theme is myths and legends where we will develop an understanding of musical language and how timbre, dynamics and tempo affect the mood of a song. After half term, we will move on to learning a traditional African call and response song; recognising simple notation and composing animal-based call and response rhythms.

In **Maths** this term we will be working on time, place value (estimating, counting and comparing), mental strategies for addition and subtraction, partitioning, grouping and sharing and measures and money. As well as this, we will continue to work on learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to help us with multiplication and division. We will also look at reasoning and word problems for all number operations to get us used to these styles of questions.



Upcoming Events

Friday 11th February Year 2 Assembly

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th February
Parents meetings.

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

Thursday 7th April Easter Service

Fri 8th April End of term. School closes at
1.30

Maths and English homework this term will be mini tests from the SATs buster books which will help the children become familiar with the types of questions they will be asked in the Summer Term KS1 SATs.

Spellings – These will continue to be given out with the homework on Friday ready for testing the following Friday and activities will be available on Spelling Frame.

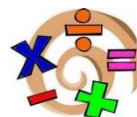
Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and practice their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They should also be encouraged to go onto Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.

Reading Books

Monday – books changed.

Thursday - books changed.

Please listen to your child read regularly and note in their reading log when you have done so. It would also be very beneficial to your child if you could share and enjoy books from home together. It really boosts their comprehension skills if you can question and discuss what you have read.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us on the class account and we will do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Miss Koza and Mrs Wragg