

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** we will be looking at traditional tales, instructions and repetitive poems and songs. We will also complete weekly grammar and reading comprehension lessons.

During our **History** lessons we will explore the Great Fire of London.



Our **Art and DT** lessons will link in with our topic where we will create fire paintings, 3D models of buildings and will design and bake our own bread as well as creating African necklaces and Tinga tinga paintings.

During our **ICT** lessons we will be looking at spreadsheets, questioning and searching.

This term Year 2 will be taught **multi skills** by an external coach. These lessons will take place on Friday mornings until the half term holiday. **Dance** will take place on Monday afternoons and we will be working on a unit about toys. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days including a pair of plimsolls or trainers with a good grip.



During **Science** lessons the children will be looking at plants, animal habitats and food chains.

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 'is it time that Jesus came back to life again?' This will be taught by Mrs Henwood.



In **Maths** this half 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. We will also continue to work on learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to help us with multiplication and division.

Upcoming Events

Friday 25th January Year 2 Assembly

Tuesday 5th February Internet Safety Day & Parents Evening

Thursday 7th February Parents Evening

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February -Half Term

Friday 1st March World Book Day

Monday 18th March Science Day

Homework this term will be in preparation for the upcoming SATs in the summer term. Children will be set a reading comprehension activity and Maths questions similar to what they will come across in the tests. These will be given out on a Friday and will be collected for marking on the following Thursday.

Spellings – These will be given out with the homework on Friday for a test the following Friday.

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 (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.