

Year 2 Chestnut Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! This term our exciting topics will be **The Great Fire of London** and **Danny the Champion of the World**.

In **English** this half term we will be looking at newspaper reports and diaries for The Great Fire of London. After half term we will be looking at the story Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl where we will write character descriptions, instructions and stories. We will also complete weekly reading **comprehension** lessons.

During our **History** lessons we will learn about the Great Fire and how transport has changed within living memory.

Our **Art and DT** lessons will link in with our topic where we will make bread, fire collages, and design and build our own caravans.

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 using Lego WeDo to build a recycling truck and sort materials to link in with our science topic.

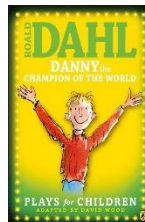
In **PE** this half term we will be doing gymnastics and Pilates on a **Wednesday and Friday**. Please make sure your child comes into school in the correct PE kit on these day.

During **Science** lessons the children will be learning all about Animals including Humans. We will continue to learn all about lifecycles and basic human needs. After half term the children will be looking at materials including identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

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?'

In **music**, the theme is orchestral instruments where we will listen and analyse orchestral versions of stories as well as identify four sections of the orchestra. After half term, we will move on to learning Dynamics, timbre, tempo, motifs.

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

Tuesday 7th February NSPCC Numbers day

Wednesday 8th February Internet safety day

Monday 13th February- Friday 17th February Half term

Tuesday 21st February Pancake toss

Thursday 2nd March World Book day

Friday 17th March Wonderful women day

Friday 24th March Class Assembly

Maths and English homework this term will continue to 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.

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