

Information for Parents and Carers

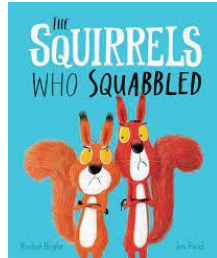
Class 2: Autumn Term 2

Why Do We Celebrate Bonfire Night?

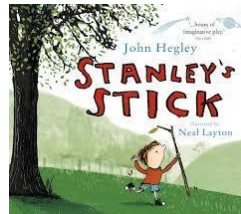
The focus of this half term's **History** work is to learn about the story of Guy Fawkes and his plan to blow up King James and the Houses of Parliament in 1605. The children will find out about individuals involved in the plot including Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and Thomas Percy. Activities like speaking and listening, hot seating, role play, sequencing events and designing posters will make our learning exciting. We have a special visit from the company 'One Day Creative' who are running an exciting and educational workshop for us too.

English:

We are going to use the stories 'The Squirrels who Squabbled' and 'Stanley's Stick' to help us learn how to write a recount and to also create descriptions of the characters that appear in the stories and where they are set.



Phonics will be taught in Year 1 and **Spellings** in Year 2 using the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' programme. **Handwriting** (learning to write in a cursive style) and **Reading Comprehension** lessons also take place in Y2.

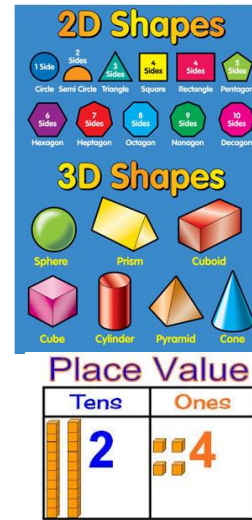


Maths:

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

- Numbers and Place Value (Y1)
- Addition and Subtraction (Y1&Y2)
- 2D and 3D shape (Y1&Y2)

We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.



Science:

This half term's Science topic is **Everyday Materials**. We will be learning about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. We will compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. We then explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. We are going to learn about new discoveries which have been made over time with a specific focus on John McAdam. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including discussions, debates, sequencing and a local walk where we will work scientifically to identify the uses of everyday materials in the local area.

PE & Games:

This term's PE lessons involve Netball/Basketball with the sports coach (Thurs) and Dance (Wed).

Please ensure that your child always has both indoor and outdoor kit in school, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.

How you can help at home:

Home Learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. It will consist of Mathematics and a set of spelling words for the children to learn ready for a spelling test each Friday. Year 2 will also need to begin to practise their 2, 5 and 10 X tables.

Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has written a comment in their reading record. It is important that your child has their reading book in their school bag every day. New reading books will be given for home practice when your child has read with an adult at home and has their previous books to exchange.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- 1st November – Guy Fawkes Workshop
- 9th/14th November – Parent Teacher Meetings
- 17th November – Children in Need
- 8th December – Carol Concert at Church 9.30
- 12th/13th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- 19th December -KS1 Christmas Party

Cross Curricular Learning:

Our **PSHE Ed** topics are learning about different feelings we may experience, how to communicate effectively with others and how to keep healthy. In **Art** we will be learning how to create a collage using different colours and textures. Our focus in **Computing** will be online safety and understanding how to create algorithms. In **RE** our theme is entitled 'What makes some places sacred? Mosques and Makkah in Islam'. In **DT** we will be designing and making a chair for Baby Bear. Finally, our **Music** topic is called 'Rhythm in the Way We Walk/Banana Rap' which will be learning about the elements of music through the musical genres of Reggae and Hip Hop.

