

Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a busy and exciting spring term in Planet Class! This term brings together history, geography, science, creative arts and lots of memorable events for the children.

Major highlights this term will be our Great Fire of London day in February, where we invite History off the Page into school for an immersive workshop, and also our trip to a farm, supporting our geography topic "At the Farm". Children will explore real-life features of a farm, compare town and country life, and use the visit as inspiration for diary and recount work. You will also be invited in to share our learning in a special assembly in a few weeks time!

Reading

We will be continuing to place reading at the heart of everything we do, by focusing on hearing children read individually as much as possible, as well as in guided reading groups. Homework activities will also support the mastery of the key skills of spelling, handwriting, and maths (through Numbots). Please help your child to practise several times a week – the practice is really paying off!

English

Across the term, children will develop writing skills through guided reading and the use of quality texts. We will have an author study of the work of writer and illustrator Jonny Duddle, turn our hands to diary writing inspired by Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London, and later study *Fantastic Mr Fox* to develop character and setting descriptions. Recount writing will be linked to our farm trip, with children also developing the editing of their own work for punctuation and sense.

Maths

This term focuses on key real-life maths. The children will deepen their understanding of money, counting in pence and pounds, comparing amounts and calculating change. Then, we will work on multiplication and division using arrays, grouping and sharing, alongside learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Later, we will measure length and height in centimetres and metres, comparing and ordering measures and solving problems using the four operations.

History & Geography

Our history topic is The Great Fire of London, looking at how it started, how it spread and how London then and now compare. In geography, we will study life on a farm, its features and importance, and contrast rural and town environments, supported by our farm visit.

Science

Throughout the term, our science unit is Animals Including Humans. Children will learn about life cycles, how humans and animals change as they grow, and what living things need to survive and stay healthy.

PE, RE, Art, PSHE and Music

We will explore two big questions in RE with Mrs Fenn: how Muslims show that Allah is compassionate and merciful, and why Christians trust and follow Jesus, using stories from both faiths to support discussions. Children will develop skills in collage, 3D art and painting, inspired by artists Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky across the term. In PSHE, our themes are 'Dreams and Goals' in the first half term and 'Healthy Me' after the half term break. PE days have changed to Wednesday and Friday, and we look forward to Dance, Sending and Receiving, Net and Wall games and Target games to take us up to Easter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful term full of learning, creativity and new experiences.