



This term the Year 2 topics this term are and also **London and the UK and The Tower of London**

The topic offers many cross-curricular opportunities and will be closely linked to our DT and Art

This term's topics:

Topics: The Tower of London and London and the UK

Science: Living things, (including humans) and Health

Art: British architecture

Autumn Term in Year 2

The children have settled well into Year 2 and have been very enthusiastic in class- well done!

We hope that the following information is useful in helping to support your child in their learning.

Home Learning

The children are expected to read at least four times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. We encourage parents to ask questions to check their child's understanding and explain their thinking.

There will also be one to two pieces of curriculum based work. These should be completed by pupils within a 20 minute time frame.

Work will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Please also use the websites listed to help your child consolidate their learning.

Useful Websites



Topic

- <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family-activities> To discover more about the places you can visit together as a family
- <http://www.projectbritain.com/> This website has some interesting facts about British life and culture.

Maths

www.topmarks.co.uk (esp. Hit the Button game)

www.nrich.maths.org

Literacy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

www.literacyshed.com

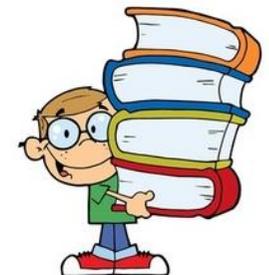
Science

www.sciencekids.co.nz

Class visits, visitors and special events

We are hoping to organise a trip to the Tower of London and we will let you know more details nearer the time.

We may also be walking down to St Matthew's church in Ashford nearer Christmas as part of the children's RE learning about Christianity.



This term, as part of their core subjects of study...

Maths

This term the children will be covering:

Number – place value, sequences, addition and subtraction, odd and even numbers, halving and doubling, multiplication as repeated addition and arrays, partitioning, (hundreds, tens and units), number pairs to 10, 20 and 100. We will also be looking at money and fractions.

Measurement– estimating and accurately measuring: weights, lengths, capacity and time

Shape - 2 and 3 D shape- describing and sorting shapes.

Data handling- interpreting block graphs.

There will be a strong emphasis on problem solving and reasoning. You can help your child by asking them to **explain** the methods they are using to solve problems in homework tasks.

English

This term the children will be:

- Reading and writing stories with familiar settings and exploring non-fiction texts.
- Exploring the writing and illustrations of Anthony Browne.
- Reading and discussing traditional tales.
- Exploring and creating winter poetry.
- Writing letters and postcards with a purpose.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Living Things and Health. The children will be learning about life cycles of different species, including humans. They will make observations about growth and be encouraged to justify their predictions. They will also be learning about healthy eating and the importance of exercise.

Please help to support your child by completing their homework and reading with them regularly. Please sign their records when you have read with them. Reading books and records should be brought into school every day.

As part of their wider, topic related studies...

History

We will be learning about what the Tower of London has been used for over the years and thinking about why its uses have changed over time.

Computing

We will remind the children about the importance of E-safety and then work on using 'Scratch' to teach programming.

Then we will move on to using Zu3D to create short stop motion animations.

PE

Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school at all times and that their kit is named and their plimsolls fit! We will be focusing on creating gymnastic routines involving balancing playing a variety of outdoor games.

PSHE

We will be learning about 'New Beginnings' and share strategies for working as part of a team. We will also remind the children about identifying bullying and who they can turn to if they feel worried.

RE

The children will be looking at Bible stories and thinking about why the Bible is an important book to Christians. We will also find out more about what happens inside a church and will explore different Christmas signs and symbols.

Geography

We will be learning about London and the UK. Children will learn how to use an atlas and will develop their map skills. We will also think about why people travel to London.

Art

In art, the children will experiment with shading and adding texture to their work..

They will explore block printing and create a class collage of British landmark architecture in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Design and Technology

We will be designing and making London themed hand puppets using felt. The children will develop their cutting and sewing skills.

Music

The children will develop their understanding of pulse and rhythm through learning new songs. They will also learn about different styles of music and rehearse and perform harvest songs.