

# 'Everyone valued, everyone challenged, everyone achieving'

## English



**Writing** - Our English units will mainly link in with our History topic of The Great Fire of London. We will be:

- Learning about the main events of the Great Fire of London.
- Exploring and reading Samuel Pepys diary.
- Writing our own eyewitness account of the Great Fire of London.

**Reading** - During Guided Reading the children will focus on:

- Developing different reading strategies;
- Improving their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

They will be taught to:

- Provide evidence from the text;
- Make sensible predictions;
- Clarify meanings;
- Summarise text.

**Speak Up!** - We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.



## **Year 2 Curriculum Newsletters - Spring Term 2016/17**

Mrs Chowdhury (YGL) - 2C

Mr. Nott - 2N

Ms. Bigby - 2B

Ms. Hamida - 2H



We continue to thank parents for their partnership with our school and their involvement in their child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you

## Computing



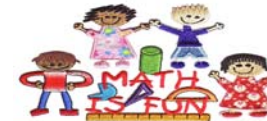
Children will be using our new chromebooks. Using an online program called Jit, they will be creating their own backgrounds, learning how to save their work and respond to online feedback given by their teacher. Computing will also be included within all subjects.

## Maths

In Maths we will aim to master:

- Addition and subtraction;
- Multiplication and division;
- Fractions;
- Time;
- Lengths and measures;
- Money;
- A range of problem solving opportunities.

Children must learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart.



## Science

We are learning about Animals, including humans. We will:

- explore how animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.



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## R.E/PSHE



**R.E.** - We will be exploring religious books from different faith groups and explore the reasons why they are special.

**PSHE** - Children will be exploring SMART goals and setting their own targets and working out ways to meet these successfully.



2C - Tuesday /Wednesday

2N - Monday/Wednesday

2B -Wednesday/Friday

2H - Tuesday/Wednesday

Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday and they will take it home to wash on a Friday.

## Art/DT/Music



**Music** - This term the children will be taking part in an exciting Music project with talented musicians. They will be celebrating Mother Tongue Day and World Book Day.

**DT** - We will be designing and making a vehicle using dowels and wooden wheels.

## Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

**Reading** - At Essex Primary School, we encourage our children to have a passion for reading. In Year 2, we are keen for the children to progress through the Oxford Reading Scheme at a quick pace and become fluent 'Free Readers'. To do this they need to read aloud daily to an adult. Please write a short comment in their reading record book to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

**Spellings** - Weekly spellings should be practised at home daily using the Read, Write, Look, Cover, Check strategy. They can practise writing the words in their blue spelling book.

**English** - A writing task will be provided every week. We expect a high standard of writing, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

**Maths** - Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week. An example is always given, as a reminder to children of how to solve the problem.

**Speak Up!** - A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. This term you will have the opportunity to watch your child perform in an assembly.



## History



**History** - Our topic will be about The Great Fire of London. Children will:

- Learn about the crucial events and put them in chronological order.
- Learn about the life of a significant individual, Samuel Pepys.
- Be able to compare historical life to present life

A fun packed topic that will link to English, Art and a very exciting visit!

## Educational Visits



We are very excited as we will be visiting the Museum of London in March. This visit is linked to their history unit of The Great Fire of London. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and I am sure they will learn a lot from the visit!