Castle Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this half term.

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Learn
Play
Grow
Together

PE – Great Fire of London

We will be using a Great Fire of London theme to introduce a range of dance and fitness activities.



English

We will be using a variety of traditional story texts to revise character descriptions, re-telling stories, letter writing and instructions. Towards the end of the term we will look at Samuel Pepy's diary.

Geography

We will meet Katie Morag and learn about where she lives on the Isle of Coll. We will learn about how to get there and what life is like on the island.



PE – Multi Skills

The focus will be on improving balance, movement and object control, while applying skills more consistently in different situations.





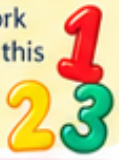
Great Fire of London

Our Topic This Half Term

We will learn about life before, during and after the Great Fire of London. We will be using the Diary of Samuel Pepy's as a stimulus.

Maths

Our focus will be on place value, addition and subtraction during the first half term. We will revisit number to 50 from the work done in Year 1 and extend this to 100 when the children are ready.



RE

We will be looking at bread as a symbol and finding out how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival.



Computing

Understanding websites. We will be exploring a range of websites and talking about how to stay safe online.



Music

We will begin by learning how to keep a steady beat and will use instructions called Boomwhackers to compose our very own rhythms.



Science

We will begin by looking at life cycles of various animals and then learn about what animals and humans need to survive. Following this we will learn about the different habitats that various animals live in.



Art

We will be learning how to mix colours to make other colours and then using this to make different tones of the same colour.



PSHE

We will be looking at class rules and why we need them! We will also be looking at how to keep ourselves safe and making the right choices.



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How You Can Help Your Child at Home...

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Here are some fun ideas and activities to support your child's learning at home.

How to be a Geographer...

You may want to spend time with your child looking at a variety of maps, including Google Maps and atlases. Encourage your child to describe the features they can see, such as seas, islands, beaches and towns.

You may also like to find out more about the Isle of Coll and look at pictures together.



How to be a Historian...

You may want to visit the Museum of London website and look at the Fire of London information ready for our topic.

You could also:

- look at pictures and artefacts
- talk about how people lived then
- create a simple timeline together
- read stories or watch a short video



Let's Read!



- Read with your child every day, even if it's just for 10 minutes.
- Talk about the story and ask questions (such as who, what, where, when and why).
- Encourage them to talk about their favourite characters and predict what might happen next.

Spelling Practice



- Practice the weekly spellings together.
- Try writing them in different ways – with chalk, coloured pens or even in the sand!
- Use them in sentences at home.

Maths at Home



- Practise counting, forwards and backwards (to 100 and beyond).
- Look for numbers in everyday life – on doors, car number plates and in the supermarket.
- Try simple addition and subtraction games, such as using objects around the house.
- Play 'What's one more/one less?'

Seesaw



We will be using Seesaw to keep you informed about events at school and also to set activities which can be carried out at home.

The main focus for 'homework' in Year 2 is regular reading and practising the weekly spellings.

Other ideas...



- Visit the library to find books about the Great Fire of London.
- Go for a local walk and spot human and physical features.
- Cook or bake together and talk about weighing and measuring.
- Be creative – draw, paint or build something linked to our topic.



Thank you for your continued support!

Together we can help every child

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