



Stanburn Primary School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2023—First half



Key Events:

- Meet the Teacher Meetings— Tuesday 12th September **3:25pm** OR **4:00pm** start
- Black History Month—October 2023
- National Poetry day: Thursday 5th October
- Trip to Headstone Manor 2 Coral and 2 Apricot: Thursday 5th October
- Trip to Headstone Manor 2 Tangerine and 2 Mango Friday 6th October
- World Mental Health Day— Tuesday 10th October
- 2 Mango and 2 Apricot Harvest Assembly- Thursday 12th October (9am start)
- 2 Coral and 2 Tangerine Harvest Assembly- Thursday 19th October (9am start)
- Half Term: Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October
- Back to School: Monday 30th October

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to Year 2's curriculum newsletter. This will provide you with information about what your child will be learning during the first half of the Autumn term. We hope all the children had a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to working with you this year! If you have any questions, please ask!

The school target for attendance is 97%.

Year 2

History

This half term, the year two children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be focusing on the chronology and investigating how the fire started along with the impact that it had on London. The children will also have an opportunity to look at the historical source of Samuel Pepys' diary and why it is so important today. Additionally, children will be learning about the plague and analysing if the fire helped to get rid of it. We will also be looking at the differences between London in 1666 and London today.



Design and Technology

During the first half term, DT will be linked with our Science and History. The children will be designing their own freestanding houses using their knowledge of materials learnt in Science lessons. The children will choose their own materials based on their properties they hold and test them. They will work with their peers to construct their houses before reflecting and discussing how they could improve them in the future.



English

Our texts this half term are "The Three Little Pigs" and the alternative story of "Super Pigs." The children will be writing their own stories based on these books focusing on their use of capital letters, full stops and conjunctions. We will also be celebrating National Poetry Day in October and the children will be looking at a range of different poems to learn about their key features before writing their own versions. Additionally, children will also write non fiction instructions based on their learning in design and technology. They will be using bossy verbs and command sentences to describe and evaluate their creations.



How you can support your child at home:

- You may wish to visit the library to find out about materials and The Great Fire of London
- You can visit Pudding Lane to see where the Great Fire of London started
- Read daily and sign your reading diary
- Please check on Microsoft Teams for activities closely linked with our topic work.
- Practise joined handwriting which can be assessed through Microsoft Teams





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During the first half of the term, the children will be material detectives! We will be going on hunts in the classroom and around the school investigating materials and their properties. Children will be carrying out an experiment to find out which materials are waterproof. The children will be explaining why materials are chosen for specific objects and discussing what makes them suitable.



Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will begin their learning with place value. They will be able to represent the value of a number, compare numbers using greater than, less than and equal to, sequence numbers and make the same number in a variety of ways. They will move onto counting in 2's, 5's and 10's fluently, from any given number. They will also learn how to add and subtract two digit numbers by drawing number lines which are simple to follow and use. The children will also be practising their mental maths weekly in order to develop their mathematical fluency.



Computing

During this half term, the children will be learning how to be safe on the internet when using technological devices such as computers, laptops, ipads and phones. They will refresh their knowledge of our online safety rules and discuss their importance. The children will be using Purple Mash to learn about coding. They will learn what an algorithm is and create a program using simple algorithms.



PSHE (including RHE)

During the first half term, the children will be learning about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class and school. The children will develop an understanding that all children have the right to be safe, healthy, happy and to learn. They will explore ways to help themselves and others feel like they belong. The Jigsaw theme for this half term, 'Being Me in My World' reflects and supports these themes very well.

Music

Year Two will be learning how to keep steady beats and learning how to maintain this when changing tempo. The children will also be understanding how mood can be expressed using their own voices. They will develop the use of their own vocal sounds when participating in class songs.



WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Children should continue to attend school wearing full PE kit on the appropriate days.

Please ensure that on PE days **all jewellery** is removed.

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
2 Mango	Thursday	Wednesday
2 Tangerine	Thursday	Tuesday
2 Coral	Thursday	Wednesday
2 Apricot	Thursday	Monday

All classes will have recorders (during music lessons) on Thursdays.



Indoor PE:

The children this half term will be learning the art of dance. They will be listening to different types of music, moving in a variety of ways and creating their own dances with their peers.

Outdoor PE:

The children will be developing their sending skills using a variety of balls. They will track, stop and intercept a variety of objects.



RE

The theme for this half term will be 'What makes a home?' The children will consider what makes a home special, with a particular focus on the traditions within Judaism and Hinduism. The children will learn how Shabbat is celebrated, find out about a mezuzah, discuss shrines in the home and explore a puja tray.

