



# Stanburn Primary School

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Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2022—First half



## Key events:

- Meet the year group— Tuesday 13th September and Wednesday 14th September 3:30-4:00
- Trip to Headstone Manor 2 Mango: Thursday 29th September
- Trip to Headstone Manor 2 Tangerine and 2 Apricot: Friday 30th September
- National Poetry day: Thursday 6th October
- Black History Month—October 2022
- Half Term: 24th—28th October
- Back to School: Monday 31st 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.*

The school target for attendance is 97%.

## English

Our texts this half term are “The Three Little Pigs” and the alternative story of “The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig.” The children will be writing their own stories based on The Three Little Pigs focusing on their use of capital letters, full stops and conjunctions. We will also be celebrating National Poetry Day in October so the children will be looking at a range of different poems to learn about their key features before writing their own. 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.



## History

This half term, the year 2 children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be focusing on the chronology, and investigating how the fire started and 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.



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## DT

During the first half term, DT will be linked with our Science and History. The children will be designing their own houses using their chosen material and testing them. They will then reflect on their houses and how they can improve them next time.



## 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
- Log into your rising stars to read extra books online.
- Please check on dB Primary for activities closely linked with our topic work.
- Practise handwriting which can be assessed through dB Primary



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## Science

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 what makes them suitable.



## Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will start 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 different ways. Next, they will move onto being able to count 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. The children will be practising their mental maths weekly in order to develop their mathematical fluency.



## Computing

During this term, your children are going to be busy on the computers. They will be learning how to be safe on the internet and remembering our online safety rules. 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 2 children are lucky to have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder this year. The recorders will be available to buy from the school office in September. More details to follow.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Children should continue to attend school wearing full PE kit on their PE days so you will not need to send in PE bags. Please ensure that on PE days all jewellery is removed.

	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE
2 Mango	Thursday	Tuesday
2 Tangerine	Thursday	Wednesday
2 Coral	Thursday	Friday

All classes take a library book home on a Friday.  
All classes have recorders on a Tuesday.

## 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.

## Outdoor PE:

The children will be focusing on ball games and developing their skills in teams.



## RE

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

