



# Year 2

## Half Termly Update

### Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a well-rested week off. We are excited for the half term ahead and have lots of exciting activities planned, including a trip! We will keep you updated about everything as the weeks progress.

If you have any questions regarding this half term, please do not hesitate to ask!

Year 2 Team

#### English

This half term we will be reading a wide range of texts, including: **London Calls!, The Queens Hat and The Hackney Martian.** The children will be able to share their opinions on the text and create extended pieces of writing. We will be using Talk for Writing to support the children with their learning and continue to develop and broaden their vocabulary. Alongside writing lessons, there will also be Guided Reading sessions to allow opportunities to read a variety of texts.

#### Phonics

We are so proud of the progress Year 2 children have made with their phonics. They are all becoming confident, fluent readers. This half term, children will continue with their phonics groups which will help them progress with their reading skills. Please encourage book talk at home with your child as this will help them to become fluent readers.

#### Maths

This half term, children will look at different shapes and their properties. They should be able to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and count their faces, edges and vertices. We will also build on the children's understanding of telling the time, we would like to encourage parents to regularly ask the children what the time is! Later in the half term, children will look at different types of graphs and discuss the best way to present data. Throughout the half term, we will recap previous learning of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction as it is essential that children are confident with the four methods of operation.

## **Science**

This half term we will be exploring investigation skills. This will give them the opportunity to build on their understanding of their previous topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. The children will investigate mini beast's habitats around the local area and use scientific language to make observations and predictions about the environments they live in. They will also compare different habitats and discover how animals are adapted to their habitats.

## **P.E.**

P.E. lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Children must bring in their P.E. kits each week to get changed. In P.E. lessons, children will learn to run at fast, medium and slow speeds and how to change speed and direction. The children will also take part in the Daily Mile, this will involve running several laps around the playground to improve the children's fitness, stamina and energy levels in class.

## **Geography**

In Geography, we will be learning about **London**. The children will learn that London is the capital city of England and is in the continent of Europe. We will discuss the diversity of London and its range of buildings, transport, people and cultures. Did you know over 8 million people live in London? There will be a focus on map work and beginning to understand why maps are used and how Google maps works.

## **RE**

In RE, children will learn about the faith, Judaism. Our big question will be: Who is Jewish and what do they believe? Children will talk about the fact that Jewish people believe in god and they remember god in different ways. They will look at the mezuzah and discuss how it reminds Jewish people of god. They will also listen to the story told at Chanukah and reflect upon the meaning of the story.

## **Music**

Children will have music lessons on a Thursday. This half term they will continue to learn the recorder. This should be brought in each week.

## **Homework**

Homework will be sent home once a week on Friday's. This will include spellings to learn and a Doodle Maths activity. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and returning their reading diaries daily.