



Year 2

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

It is set to be a busy half term with a trip to The Tower of London on **Wednesday 10th December** to support the children with their History learning. A letter will go out with details about the trip.

On **Wednesday 18th of December** we will be presenting a Winter Show! We will send more details closer to the time.

Thank you for all of the ongoing support,
Year 2 Team

English

This term we will be basing our writing on the poem '**The Owl and the Pussycat**'. We will be using talk for writing throughout all of our stories to help the children develop their understanding of stories and widen their vocabulary. This half term we will be focussing on developing the children's sentences with conjunctions.

Phonics

The children will continue with their phonics groups which will help them progress with their reading skills. We aim for the children to become confident readers. Please encourage book talk at home with your child as this will help them to become fluent readers. We hope the children begin to develop a love for reading.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to focus on addition and subtraction. The children will begin to learn formal methods to assist with their calculations of two 2-digit numbers. It is important that children continue to practice counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s whilst also being able to count to 100 from any given number. Towards the end of the half term the children will explore shape, they will be able to identify and describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Science

This half term we will be learning about **Use of Everyday Materials**. The children will learn to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. The children will also use a range of sorting activities and be encouraged to use scientific vocabulary.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a **Friday morning**. Children must bring in their P.E. kits each week to get changed. In P.E. lessons, children will learn to play bat and ball games. 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.

History

This half term we are continuing to learn about **Kings and Queens**, but specifically, Kings and Queens of the U.K. Children will learn about Queen Elizabeth I and the important role she had in building economic prosperity and successes for England. They will have the chance to look at 'The Armada Portrait' and discuss how it presents Queen Elizabeth I's achievements. Building on this, they will compare her reign to Queen Victoria, the longest serving monarch of Great Britain.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE. this half term, children will This half term we will be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn. The children will develop a growing awareness of what makes them happy, and understand that they can make choices that can improve their wellbeing.

Music

Children will have music lessons on a Tuesday. This half term they will begin to learn the recorder. This should be brought in each week or can be kept in school.

Homework

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