



# Year 2 Newsletter

**Summer 1  
2025**

## News

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Easter holidays! The children worked extremely hard last term and are making good progress in their learning. We would like to thank you very much for your continuous support with your children's learning.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will begin the term with the story 'The knight who banned the dark.' Children will be retelling the story, and writing a persuasive letter and write their own stories based on The knight who banned the Dark.

After this we will be reading 'Diary of a Killer Cat' which we will use to inspire children to write a character description and a diary entry.

**You can support your child by sharing books and stories from your own and other cultures. Also reading comics would be enjoyable reading for many of your children in addition to their colour banded reading books. Don't forget to get your children to read their online books at: [What is a story? – BBC Bitesize Foundation Language and Literacy](#)**

## Science

This half term our topic will be 'Habitats' which is about the different environments in which animals live. What makes a good habitat. We will carry out different experiments and investigate what conditions in their habitats woodlice prefer to live in.

We will also learn about food chains.

**This link will support your child's learning:** [Science | KS1 | The food chain | BBC Teach](#)

## Computing

Children will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will then present data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams. Children will use the data presented to answer questions.

## Art

In Art children will develop their craft skills. They will also be learning about digital art. The theme for this topic will be based around Harry Beck and his designs for underground maps.

## History

This term we will be learning about significant historical events. We will be focusing on The Great Fire of London. Children will learn about who, how and where the fire started. They will research what the fire was and investigate the impact the fire had on London today. **To find out about The Great Fire of London:** [Online museum session for children: Great Fire of London](#)

## Music

Children have recently been introduced to recorders. They will continue to develop their skills to play the recorder.

## P.E

In PE, children have been learning different invasion games such as football and netball.

## Maths

We will be learning to find fractions in shapes and amounts and will solve fraction problems.

**Learn more about fractions through the BBC Bitesize KS1 Maths:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rbg82>

Our work on measures will include using a ruler to measure in centimetres and metres and solving measures problems. We will also learn about capacity (ml/l) and mass (g/kg). Doing some baking with the children will help their understanding of these concepts. They will also be learning to read time.

Children will then be learning about position and direction, including clockwise and anti-clockwise, quarter, half and three-quarter turns.

## P.S.H.E

Our topic is 'Relationships'. We will be focusing on all of the different relationships we have with our friends and family. We will be learning about different strategies we can use to keep us calm and also learning how we can settle differences and share things.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Thank you

Miss Carty 2W

Mrs Maher 2P

Miss Mihramane 2S

and Mrs Asgar 2F



# Year 2 Topic Home Learning Summer 1

Please choose **at least** one of the challenges to complete.

## The Great Fire of London Poster or Fact File

Watch the BBC video or do a little bit of research online: Create a Great Fire of London poster/fact file that can be displayed in your classroom! You will need to make sure it stands out and has clear headings. [The Great Fire of London Episode 1 | History KS1 | BBC Teach](#) | [The Great Fire of London Episode 2 | History KS1 | BBC Teach](#) [London 1666: The Great Fire Explained for Kids | Junior Library](#)



Here are some key questions to give you ideas for your poster!

- When did The Great Fire of London happen?**
- Why did the fire start?**
- How long di the fire last for?**
- How do we know about the fire?**
- What impact did the fire have on London as we know it today?**

## What can you plant?



It's Springtime! Get your garden or balcony ready for summer.

Think about something you would like to plant and plant it!  
Think about:



- What could you grow?**
- Do you want to plant a seed or a bulb?**
- Where could you plant it?**
- What will it need?**

*Draw your observations of your plant and write what you notice.*

## Reading

Many people choose a book because they like the look of the front cover.

What is your favourite book?

Redesign the front cover of your favourite book. Use your computing skills to make your design.

Decide how you would illustrate it and make it stand out. Share it on your Google Classroom



## Compulsory Homework

Each Friday your child will be given Year 2 spellings which they need to practise and learn for a test every Friday. Children will be given English and Maths homework on Friday and will be due back on a Wednesday.