

Autumn 2020 – Termly Topic Update

September 2020

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer, a well-deserved rest and are ready for another year! We are really excited about Year 2's topic this term... 'Lost in London'. During this topic, we will be learning all about London- past and present! This includes learning about The Fire of London in 1666 and Guy Fawkes's treacherous plot. In Geography, we will be exploring the many characteristics of the United Kingdom, focusing on human and physical features. We will also be learning how to read maps and even create our own! To showcase all of the knowledge we have learned in our Autumn Term topic, we will be creating our own London Bus Tour.

English

Children will be exploring different genres within our topic. They will learn to retrieve information from non-fiction texts to write a detailed report about London. They will also write a traditional tale and a newspaper report on Guy Fawkes.

Reading

Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. Children will have class reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text.

Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with numbers with up to 100. We will use concrete resources to help their understanding before moving onto problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods, such as the empty number line, will be used for addition and subtraction. In Year 2, children are expected to know their 2's, 5's, 10's and 3 times table, so any practise of these at home would be greatly appreciated.



Home Learning



Rainbow Challenges

- Research 5 interesting facts about a London Landmark**
- Design and make a healthy packed lunch for Paddington Bear**
- Can you design a map / route for Paddington Bear through your home?**
- Investigate the best material for a waterproof jacket for Paddington Bear**
- Create a tally chart by asking family and friends their favourite city in the UK**
- Can you create a travel guide for somewhere you have visited?**
- Create a poster about one of the capital cities in the UK**

Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!



PE

PE will be on Monday and Friday. This year, children will not be leaving their PE kits in school. Alternatively, please ensure your child arrives at school **in their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

Year 2 Staff

Miss O'Grady
India class teacher

Miss Paterson
Italy class teacher

Ms Cunningham
Mrs Annett
Learning Support Assistants

Miss Woolcott
Student teachers

Autumn Term Key dates

Half Term

Week beginning 26th October 2020

End of Term

Friday 18th December 2020

Forest Schools

Date - TBC

Key Dates

As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.

Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.