

Kensington Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Year 2 we have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in our first half term in Kensington Class. We begin by stepping into the past with our topic 'Memory Box'.

English – Reading & Phonics

In Year 2 the children will continue to follow the school reading scheme to make progress through their level at their own pace. The expectation in Year 2 is for children to read at home at least 3 times in the week and record this in their Reading Diaries. This record of reading is recorded and rewarded in school using our 'Bee A Reader' initiative.

Reading recorded:

1 time = 1 house point 3 times = 2 house points 5 times = 3 house points

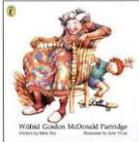
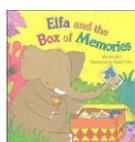
This term our class readers will be *The BFG by Roald Dahl*.

Monster Phonics:

This half term the children will move into the next phase of phonics. We will be covering the graphemes; 'dge', 'g', 'c', 'kn', 'gn', 'wr', 'le, el, il, al'. We will also explore what happens when adding suffixes to words ending in e and y.

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

We follow the National Curriculum for the delivery of skills in writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The books that we will explore this term will allow opportunities to learn and rehearse these skills. Such as, use capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks, use apostrophe for contractions and possession. The children will begin to read confidently using expression and use a variety of strategies to decode words for reading and spelling, empathise with a character and make predictions about a text, write clearly recognising some of the features for different genres while understanding the purpose and audience for their writing. Use a variety of conjunctions, interesting vocabulary and adjectives. The children will continue to learn to develop their joined handwriting style using the Letterjoin font style. Weekly spellings will be linked to Phonics taught.



During the first half term we will enjoy our unit based on 'Memory Box'. We will explore these titles, get to know the characters and the settings and examine rich vocabulary and plots.

In the second half term our English work will be linked to our History topic Great Fire of London and we will delve into a variety of fiction and non-fiction books as our inspiration.

Maths

Following the White Rose scheme of work Year 2 will focus on the following units during the Autumn term:

Number – Place Value, Number – Addition and Subtraction, Measurement – Money, Number – Multiplication and Division. To support your child at home please practice number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, recognising and counting coins and notes.

Science

Uses of Everyday Materials:

In this unit children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard, for particular uses. They will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. In addition, children will explore the changing use of materials over the last 100 years to link to our learning in Memory box and discuss the importance of recycling.

Other Curriculum Subjects

History: Memory Box

In history for the first part of the Autumn term we will be examining how life has changed in the last 100 years. We will consider changes in transport, toys, communication, technology and medicine.

Great Fire of London

In the second half of the Autumn term we learn all about how the significant UK event of the Great Fire of London changed history beyond living memory.

RE: In line with the Warwickshire syllabus, we will learn **-How we should care for others and the world**, and why these things matter? We will consider how we fit within our community while discussing how life has been affected by COVID-19.

PSHE: Being Me In My World – The children will have the opportunity within circle time and class activity to discuss their hopes and fears for the year and what it means to have rights and responsibilities.

PE:

PE is on a Monday and Friday afternoon.

Monday- Fundamental Movement

Friday – Throwing and catching

Please ensure your child has their full kit in school for these days. White T-shirt, PE shorts and trainers

Art & Design: Andy Warhol

Through the use of colour, shade and line, the children will explore, emulate and create work based on the American Pop artist, Andy Warhol.

Design & Technology: Design and make a healthy sandwich

Computing: Creating Pictures

Through this unit children will be introduced to making art digitally using 2Paint a Picture

Music: Music Through The Decades

An opportunity to explore the music of many famous musicians from the last 70 years, exploring, appreciating and discussing musical style as well as developing an understanding of tempo, pitch, timbre and dynamics.

Homework

Expectation in Year 2 is that all children read and record their reading from their school banded book and practice their weekly spellings often in readiness for their weekly test. Times table focus for this half term are x2,x5 and x10

We do hope that your child enjoys their first term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact me on SeeSaw, or speak to one of the Year 2 Team

Mrs Russell, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Jones