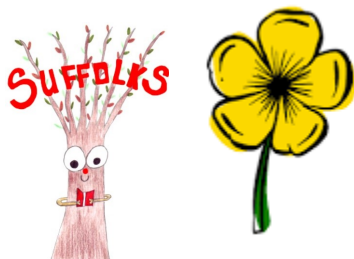


CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023

CLASS: 2 Buttercups



Class News:

We are very excited to be back! We have a lot to look forward to in Year 2. Next week, we have a cooking workshop!

After half term, we will begin practicing for our Year 2 Nativity show.

Reminders: Please ensure your child's uniform, PE kit, coats and bags are clearly labelled. Please bring a water bottle to school everyday and remember to bring a healthy snack for break time. If your child is having school dinners, please order a school lunch at home on School Grid.

IMPORTANT: We are a nut free school.

PE days and kit:

PE will begin the week of 11th September and will be every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please come to school in full PE kits (red t-shirt, black joggers or shorts, black hoodie (optional) and trainers).

Homework

Homework is set weekly on Fridays on Google Classroom. Homework will be due in (online) the following Friday.

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings to practise for a weekly test in class
- Maths or English task (each week).
- Reading (At least three times a week).
- AR quizzes (for those on AR).

CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

In Year 2, we will practise to plan and evaluate our writing. This term, we will be looking at narratives and exploring the plot points of each story, the setting and the characters. We will then write our own.

Our first narrative will be, *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield. Next half term, we will look at a CBBC narrative, *The Christmas Star*.



English reading

We will be continuing daily reading groups in small groups. The focus is on improving sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. We will also be doing daily independent reading. Please make sure you read with your child at least three times a week and bring their home reading book to school every day.



Mathematics



We will revisit our learning on place value and develop our learning on partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

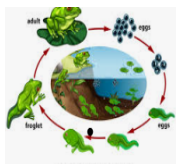
We will learn to make different representations of the same number. We will use our learning on place value to solve problems and develop our knowledge and understanding on addition and subtraction.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

In Science we will be learning about animals and their offspring and what the basic needs of animals, including humans, are. We will look at life-cycles and think about whether all life-cycles are the same. This topic will include thinking about what animals and humans need to survive.

We will then be finding out about the importance of keeping healthy and how to do this.



After half term, we will be learning about different materials and their uses, learning about recycling, and studying the work of engineer John McAdam.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be thinking about our excitement and fears for the new school year and what we hope to achieve by the end of Year 2.

Later this term, we will celebrate the differences between us all in Buttercups and develop our understanding that we are all unique and special in our own way.



RE

In RE this term, we will be thinking about how and why people celebrate sacred times. We will think about the different festivals that are important to religious communities. This will include expressing our own beliefs, practices and we will compare them to other religious practices.



Computing



We have started this year thinking about how we can stay safe online. We revisited our E-Safety learning from Year 1 and have thought about internet safety in more detail. This included learning about what information is personal or private and who we can share this information with. We have discussed strong and weak passwords and who can see what is shared on the internet.

This term, we will also begin our new topic, 'What is a computer?' We will explore what a computer is and identify and learn how outputs and inputs work. We will also learn how computers are used in the wider world.

PE



In PE, we will explore space and how our bodies can move to express an idea, mood, feeling and character. We will practise travelling actions and will develop a sequence of dance moves to music.

Also in PE, we will develop fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping and will explore a range of equipment.

History

History is always very enjoyable in Year 2. We will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will learn when this happened, how it started, what happened during this time and how we know about the fire today. This topic will include learning about how London has changed and how it was rebuilt.



Music



In Music this term, we will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch and how they work together.

Art

In Art we will be focussing on the techniques of **Drawing and Sculpture**. We will be drawing self portraits using tone, patterns and shading. We will also be exploring a variety of materials and tools to create 3D structures.

We will be studying the work of Japanese sculptor Toshihiko Mitsuya and South African artist Sue Dickinson and producing work in the style of these artists.



DT

This term, we have a very exciting topic to look forward to! We will investigate a range of puppets, what they are, their features and how they work. We will design our own glove puppet and will then use our designs to make our very own puppets.



Special Days / Weeks

- Wednesday 13th September:** Roald Dahl Themed Lunch.
- Thursday 14th September:** Cooking workshop for Year 2.
- Friday 15th September:** Rosh Hashanah lunch.
- Friday 22nd September:** Harvest Festival Lunch.
- 23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023:** Half Term
- 30.10.2023 - 03.11.2023:** Making a Difference Week
- Tuesday 31st October:** Halloween Lunch
Halloween Disco
- Friday 3rd November:** Bonfire Night Lunch
- Friday 10th November:** Remembrance Day Lunch
- 13.11.2023 - 17.11.2023:** Anti Bullying Week
- Monday 13th November:** Diwali Themed Lunch
- 04.12.2023 - 08.12.2023:** Enterprise Week
- Tuesday 5th December:** Hanukkah Themed Lunch
- Wednesday 13th December:** Christmas Themed Lunch
Year 2 Nativity
- Wednesday 20th December:** Last day of Term

