

Tuesday 8th January 2018

Year 2 Spring term letter to parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and new year. We would like to share with you some of the things that your children will be learning over the coming weeks. This term we will be covering our topic 'Transitions'.

We will be learning about the Great Fire of London this term and all their learning will link to this topic. The children will be looking at secondary sources and learning to ask questions. They will be looking at the events that happened in 1666, what caused the fire, how the fire spread so fast and lots more. This will involve diary entries and newspaper reports being written.



We will also be having a visit from the fire service to look at fire safety and the changes that have been made as a result of the fire. We are also going to be making and setting alight our own houses. The children will also be making houses later in the term to bring home.



In science we will continue to look at properties of materials with a focus on reversible and irreversible changes. In geography we will be looking at the United Kingdom and specifically London. We will be looking at the cause of the Great Fire of London, how far the fire spread as well as key physical features that are there now.



We will also be revisiting e-safety again this term as well as looking at 'PowerPoint'. The children will learn the key features that PowerPoint, and they will be creating their own PowerPoints about the Great Fire of London and each week will be adding slides about what we have learnt.

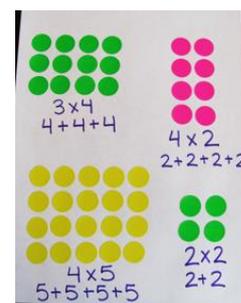
Physical Education

In the first half term will be doing gymnastic with a focus on shape and space. In the second half term we will be focusing on invasion games as we changed our Autumn 2 PE to dance. As part of your child's enrichment afternoon they will also have sessions in dance and boot camp. We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to have their PE kit in school all week complete with appropriate foot wear. Children become distressed if they have to borrow kit from the school. We would like to remind you that, in the interests of safety, earrings must be removed or covered during PE lessons unless a form is completed by a parent to allow them to still wear them. Long hair should be tied back. Children should also be bringing in a water bottle each day.

Mathematics Skills we will be focusing on are:

- Recapping number bonds to and within 10 and 20
- Recognising money and beginning to add and subtract with it
- Recapping doubling and halving
- Recapping counting in 2's, 5's and 10's

- Multiplication and division using arrays and division Dave
- Beginning to find fractions of amounts and shape
- Telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour



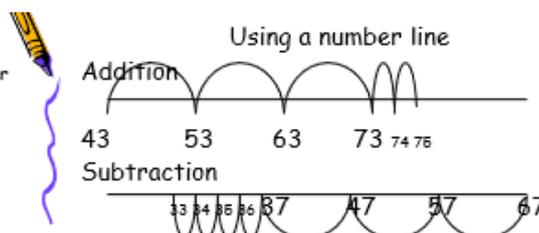
Addition

- Keep the first number whole!
- $43 + 32$ (partition the 2nd number to 30 and 2)
- $43 + 30 = 73$
- $73 + 2 = 75$

We also use chips and peas to show addition where the chips equal 10 and the peas equal 1. The children draw these out and count them up to find the answer.

Subtraction

- Remember to keep the first number whole!
- $67 - 34 = 33$
- $67 - 30 = 37$
- $37 - 4 = 33$



Homework

Your child will continue to complete homework in their purple homework book. This will include reading 3 times a week, spellings to practise and a maths activity. Please remember to encourage your child to change their reading book frequently (each week your child will be given a new book when they read to an adult) and make use of our library visits each week. Their reading books are given to them based on their Read, Write Inc group.

You will also notice a termly reading overview which will have questions to help prompt your child to read a range of books. Your child will also have a maths workbook- we will write the page number and activity they need to complete in this book. This will be marked with the children during Thursday's maths lesson. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and due the following Wednesday. All topic homework can be bought in any Wednesday and will stay in school until the following Friday. We will give children time to present their topic work to the class before it is sent home.

As usual, if you have any questions about the subjects that your child will be learning or any other queries, please do not hesitate to come in and see us - we are available most days after school.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Moore and Miss Barrett