

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and want to wish you a Happy New Year!

We had lots of fun last year learning about the Christmas story; learning how to stay safe near a bonfire and I'm sure you will agree that the children performed beautifully in our Christmas show.

If you have any questions about your child and their learning please feel free to speak to us before or after school.

Please keep this newsletter and tick off the boxes when



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Year 2 Reading Challenge:

Well done to those children who complete the reading challenges last half term!

We had lots of prizes given out to those who read 4 times a week!

We will continue this into Spring 1 and have even more rewards! This time with the help of some super heroes.

You can do it!



Diary dates

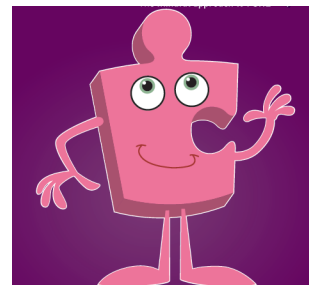
PE days are Wednesdays - please make sure your child has long jogging bottoms and jumpers to keep warm as they may go outside.

Monday 5th January—Fire Service visit!

In PSHE we will be thinking about Dreams and goals. Jo will help us learn how to stay motivated and have a positive attitude.

Talk to your adult at home do you have any dreams or goals? How can you work hard to achieve them?

PSHE



Reading

Every Friday, we will be changing the children's reading books to take home. Please make sure your child has their reading book AND book bag to be able to give them a new book. We will also be looking at their reading challenge cards and handing out prizes. Prizes can only be given if a card is returned with four

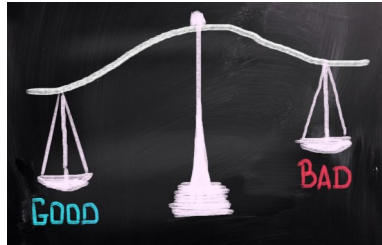
English



Our next theme in English is good versus bad and whether characters in a book are really good or really bad.

Who is your favourite good character in a book? Or your favourite bad character?

Why do you think they are good or bad?



History

Our new topic is '**The Great Fire of London**'.

We will be learning about the events that happened for the fire to spread and what life was like in London during this time.

At home, talk to your adult—what should you do if you see a fire?



RE

We will be thinking about special rituals Muslims have and why praying is important in the religion of Islam.

Why do you think praying is important to Muslims?



Maths

We will start this half term continuing our learning about 3d shapes then we will be learning about money. We will be identifying and counting coins. Making amounts of money and find change.

See if you can name coins at home.



10 green dots	$1 + 19$
9 green dots, 1 purple dot	$2 + 18$
8 green dots, 2 purple dots	$3 + 17$
7 green dots, 3 purple dots	$4 + 16$
6 green dots, 4 purple dots	$5 + 15$
5 green dots, 5 purple dots	$6 + 14$
4 green dots, 6 purple dots	$7 + 13$
3 green dots, 7 purple dots	$8 + 12$
2 green dots, 8 purple dots	$9 + 11$
1 green dot, 9 purple dots	$10 + 10$

We will also continue to develop our number facts to and within 20. At home, practise making 20 in as many ways as you can.

Miss Courtney thinks there are 10 different ways to make 20.

Miss Wells says there are only 8 ways to make a total of 20.

Who is correct? Prove it!



Art

As artists, we will practise our observational drawing skills! We will learn different techniques to make our sketches look really realistic!

Can you continue to practise your drawing skills at home?

