

Mather Street Primary School

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Year 2 Newsletter – November 2021

English

Writing

This term, we will be using the text 'The Great Fire of London'. We will begin by focusing on writing in complete sentences with capital letters and full stops. We will then move onto writing setting descriptions, diary entries and non-chronological reports.

Reading

Children will each have a levelled book to read. If your child reads the book it is important to read it a few times to develop fluency (and record each read in the yellow book). You can even ask your child different questions each time they read the book to help with their understanding. They could even practise writing some of the words from it!

Children will also be getting a free reading book to simply enjoy with the family. They will be able to change both books every Friday.

Maths

We will be learning about numbers to 100, by counting forwards and backwards, reading and writing in numerals and words. We will be adding and subtracting numbers and learning about money.

History, Geography and Science

During this half term, our theme is 'The Great Fire of London'. This topic involves locating London and other landmarks on the UK map, as well as learning how an event like the Great Fire, is significant nationally. We will also be looking at 'Materials' which will look at the properties and uses of everyday materials; as part of this topic we will be visiting Bury Fire Station.

Science

In science, the topic is rocks. The children will be learning about 3 different types of rocks: Sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks and igneous rocks. We will be learning about how these rocks are formed through the rock cycle. The children will also be able to conduct their own experiment and have a go at mimicking the rock cycle using starburst sweets!

Computing

This term, the children will be learning how to search the internet safely and effectively and will be exploring how to create pictures using the paint tool.

PSHE & French

In French, the topic is 'All About Me' where the children will learn the vocabulary associated with colours and clothes. The PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Difference'.

Music/PSHE

In PSHE, the topic is 'Celebrating Difference' and includes why some friends are special. In music, the children will be exploring the music by Camille Saint-Saëns, specifically 'Danse Macabre' this half term.

PE

The children have PE on Wednesdays. School provides shorts and t-shirts for the children to wear but they need to have some pumps in school. This half term, the focus will be on gymnastics.

Homework

Every week, children will be given maths homework based on the work we have completed that week in class. They will also be given spellings from the year 2 words list or from our topic.

Contact

Should you need to contact me; please do so via email to info@matherstreet.oldham.sch.uk

Thank you, Miss Wood