

Spring Term 2016

Watling Street School

Year 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 2.
This term we will be learning all about:



Maths- In Maths this term we will learn to measure time and tell and read time in increments of 5 minutes. We will also be learning to compare and order numbers from 0-100 using symbols for less than and greater than. We will use place value to help us solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

We will also further develop our understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning more about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

English-In English this term we will be exploring fiction texts. We will be making predictions about what might happen in stories and explore good and bad characters and the role they play in traditional stories. We will be sequencing stories and exploring the thoughts and feelings of characters we read about and using our knowledge to develop our story plots. We will work on developing our story openings to a high standard and spend some time working on homophones and suffixes later in the term.

Computing - We will be learning about how we can keep ourselves safe on the internet. We would like to remind you that Safer Internet day is on Tuesday 7th February. We will be doing some work around this subject in school but if you would like to explore this further with your children the link below may be useful.

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We will learn how to use algorithms to programme the bee bots and an online computer programme. We will also learn to evaluate and improve our programming skills.

Science - Our Science topics for the first half term will be 'Uses of Materials' and 'Growing Plants.' We will be learning about the different properties of materials and how we can use these properties to help us design a product. We will also be finding out about plants and what they need to live and grow. To help us find out we will be observing plants that we grow in school and performing simple tests in school.

Our Science topic after half term will be 'Changing Shape'. Where we will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

PE— In PE we will be learning about the way our bodies can move in gymnastics. We will be creating sequences of moves and begin to link them together to create a piece of movement using our bodies in different ways, on and off apparatus and at different levels and speeds.

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Cornerstones- Children will find out about daily castle life and whilst doing so collect technical vocabulary about our subject. They will find out what foods were eaten by those who inhabited the castle and plan a banquet menu for the end of our topic.

Children will use Art and DT skills to design and make their own castles, swords and shields using technical vocabulary we have learned.

We will investigate castles from different periods and use ICT to draw and label castles features, this will also use our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.

We will explore the story of Rapunzel and investigate it from the point of view of a newspaper reporter so watch out for our edition of 'Castle news.'

RE - In Re we will be finding out about the Christian festival of Easter. We will learn about Palm Sunday, the Last supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will discover why Jesus is important to Christians and learn about the links between Easter and new life.

