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Year 2

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

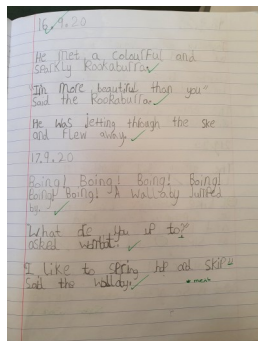
In Year 2 we have been.....



Making silhouette pictures of The Great Fire of London.



We have been coming up with super ideas and vocabulary to write sentences for the story 'Wombat Goes Walkabout'.



Core Curriculum:

### English

To begin with this term, we will be looking at the story 'Wombat goes Walkabout', where we will be writing sentences about Wombat's journey to find his mum. Towards the end of the half term we will be moving onto writing a recount all about our topic of 'The Great Fire of London.' Throughout all our English lessons, there will be a particular focus on basic sentence structure; capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

### Maths

We will be learning all about number and place value. We will be looking, first, at partitioning numbers into tens and ones and how we can use different apparatus to support this. We will then move onto using this knowledge to help us to add and subtract. We follow 'White Rose Maths.'

### Science

This term's theme for science is 'Materials.' We will be finding out about different materials and their properties, exploring natural and man-made materials and how materials can be changed.

### History/Geography

This half term we will be learning all about the 'Great Fire of London.' We will be looking at how and why the fire spread and why this wouldn't happen today. We will also be thinking about and exploring how we know about this event that happened a long time ago.

Other areas of the Curriculum:

### Art/DT

This half term we will be focusing on Art. Our topic for Art is 'portraits,' where we will be looking at a range of portraits and talking about their features and use of colour to show emotion. We will also be looking closely at facial features and how we can draw these accurately. To finish, we will use all of our skills to create a self portrait using paper tearing techniques.

### Performing Arts

Pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation of two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. Through drama, pupils are learning how to use characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell a story to the audience. In dance, pupils will be performing dance movements through the stimulus 'Fire and Ice'. Music lessons are focusing on learning about pitch, note values, reading notes on the treble and rhythm though the whole class recorder playing and singing teaching.

### PE

We will be building on our fundamental movement skills (agility, balance and coordination) in multi-skills lessons. **Please ensure your child's PE kits are in school everyday. We have outside PE all year round so please include a tracksuit.**

### Personal Development

We will be looking at 'Being Me in My World'. We will be celebrating what makes us who we are, identifying our hopes for the future and discussing what to do when things don't go to plan.

### RE

We will spend time thinking about times that are special to us and religious Celebrations.

### Computing

We will be learning all about the parts of a computer and how to keep safe online. We will also use our computing time to explore using 'Numbots' and 'TT Rockstars', using the log-in, in our planners.

Reminders/Key dates:

Autumn term

6 September - 17 December

Training day

22 October

Half term

25 October - 29 October

Bike to school week

(week commencement)

27 September

Parents' evening

19 October & 21 October

**Daily snack is provided, however we are happy for the children to bring in their own healthy snack if they would prefer an alternative choice.**

The Year 2 team are:

Miss New  
(2 Badgers)

Mrs Grassi  
(2 Foxes)

Miss Pomphrey  
(2 Hedgehogs)