

# Halstow Primary School

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## Autumn 2 Newsletter - Year 2

Dear Year 2 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to begin the second half of the Autumn term of Year 2! Here's what we will be learning about...

### Maths

See below, our overview and coverage for Maths for the whole Autumn term. We are currently in the middle of addition and subtraction and will move on to geometry closer to Christmas. We will be attaching the workbooks if you would like to complete with your children to consolidate their learning.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term					Number Place value VIEW							
					Number Addition and subtraction VIEW							
										Geometry Shape VIEW		

### Mastering Number

In addition to our daily Maths lessons, children will have short, discrete fluency sessions that will help build children's number sense and automatic recall of number facts.

### Home Learning

We will be encouraging children to continue using Numbots and Times Tables Rock Star and, in Year 2 they will be securing their knowledge of the 2, 5, 10, and 3 times tables. Just as a reminder, you can find your child's log in details in the cover of their reading diary.



As part of our history topic, 'The Great Fire of London', we will be holding our annual 'Mini-Great Fire of London' in the playground, during the week beginning 9th December. We are asking each child in Year 2 to make a Tudor style house to contribute to the event.

**Please only make these out of paper and card as they will be burned. Houses can only be used if they are under 40cm in height.**

Please aim to bring in your houses by Friday 6th December. We can't wait to see the incredible creations!



We will also be sending home spellings each Friday, that we have been working on earlier in the week, for children to practise. We will then have a fun, low-stakes quiz to remind ourselves of any words we will need to continue to practise.

### **Literacy**

Our writing this half-term will be London themed, including the Great Fire of London in 1666. Some of our sequences will include creating an advert for a new child minder inspired by Mary Poppins as well as focusing on the importance of anti-bullying week. Following the burning of our houses in the week of the 9th, we will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of someone who lived through the Great Fire. As we close on Christmas, we will be describing the Grinch, reviewing a short film and writing our own Christmas stories.

### **Wider Curriculum**

In Science, children will continue to learn all about animals (including humans!). We will be learning about the needs of a baby. We will go on to explore what makes a balanced diet and why it is important to eat healthily. Later this half-term, we will be learning all about hygiene.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism, this time focusing on worship. We will also be fitting in an exciting visit to Christchurch to watch the story of Christmas be told and to mark the beginning of Christmas celebrations in school.

In Spanish, the children are going to be learning the names of animals 'under the sea' and 'in the jungle'.

In Computing, we will be focusing on e-safety, as well as building up digital literacy skills by using certain programs on our

In History, children are learning about the Great Fire of London.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on positive relationships at school and how we can show respect to others, as well as mirroring this learning during our celebration of anti-bullying week and the year's theme 'Choose Respect'.

### **PE**

For indoor PE this term, we will be exploring how to create movements and routines based on the stimuli, 'water'. Our outdoor PE sessions will be exploring how to keep possession in games, with a focus on basketball dribbling skills.

**Miss Fay**– Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Mr Vousden**- Wednesdays and Fridays

**PPA**

On a Wednesday morning, Vicky Heath and our music teacher, Miss Porter-Gillespie ('Miss PG') will be covering our time out of class.

**Communication**

Any questions or concerns, please contact the office by phone or email and they will pass on any communication to us so that we can get in touch.

Thank you,

Miss Fay and Mr Vousden