

# Safe as Houses

## Autumn Term 1

Welcome back!

We hope you have had an eventful and relaxing summer break and are ready and raring to go for the new school year. This year promises to be an exciting, curious and wondrous expedition of learning opportunities.

If you have any concerns or issues, then please do not hesitate to contact us – it's usually best to make an appointment to speak to staff after school. You can also contact us via the Class Dojo app or phoning the front office too.

We're really looking forward to the year ahead! From the Year 2 team.

### English

This term the children will be learning how to orally retell fairy-tale stories. They will also write character descriptions, wanted posters and a narrative about a personal experience. They will learn about the features of each of these types of writing such as structuring a story with a beginning, middle and end.

Spellings will focus on mastering Years 1 high frequency words that feature tricky sounds e.g. said. For grammar they will review recognising nouns and adjectives. For punctuation they will focus on mastering capital letters, full stops and question marks.

### Maths

We have lots planned this term in maths including looking at place value towards 100. We will learn about partitioning numbers into tens and ones. Counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Comparing and ordering numbers and objects. Writing numbers in words. We then move onto adding and taking away.

In maths fluency children will be reviewing number bonds within 10 and 20.

### Science

Everyday Materials is our Science unit this term. The children will be building on their knowledge of the unit 'Properties of Materials' that they covered in Year 1. The children will learn about how the properties of materials are matched to their uses in everyday objects. The children will also work scientifically by asking and testing their own scientific questions and observing their experiments carefully. They will collect data to see which material will be the best for the Three Little Pigs to build their home.

## History

This term the children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. They will learn where it started, find out about Samuel Pepys (an eyewitness) and imagine how life would have been at this time using a range of artefacts and historical sources.

## PE

The whole class will learn skills in 'attack, defend and shoot' in their main PE lesson.

The group that is not swimming this term, in PE session 2, will learn how to bat, catch and throw in readiness to play ball games.



## Computing

This term we are introducing the children to coding. They will learn what an algorithm is. How to write an algorithm and use collision detection in a set of instructions. They will create their own simple programmes.

## RE

Our big question in RE is "Who made the world?". Children will explore what Christians think about Creation and how the God made the world.

## Jigsaw – PSHE

We will be talking about our rights and responsibilities for being a member of our class and the school. This will involve talking about everyone's right to learn, caring for other people's feelings and how to work well together.

## Art & DT

Our DT lessons are focussed on making fabric puppets. The children will be encouraged to develop techniques to join fabrics together, then to design, make and evaluate their own puppet creations.

## Homework:

**Maths homework will be set on a Friday to be done by the following Friday. We will start with the children practicing their number bonds.**

**Reading is part of the homework. Please hand in the yellow Home Reading Books on a Thursday, so that we can allocate dojos to the children for reading at home that week.**

**Spellings will be handed out on a regular basis.**