

# Autumn 2021 – Curriculum news

September 2021

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer, a well-deserved rest and are ready for another year! We will kick-start our term with a geography focus on fieldwork and map skills. We will be exploring the many characteristics of the United Kingdom and London, focusing on human and physical features. We will also be learning how to read maps and even create our own!

After half term, we will be focusing on the history of London- past and present! This includes learning about The Fire of London in 1666 and Guy Fawkes's treacherous plot. In science, we will be learning all about everyday materials, what they are used for and their properties. We will use this knowledge to design and make a chair for Paddington Bear in DT.



## Reading

Children will have class reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text. We will change reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We also have a subscription to Oxford Owl which is a virtual library that can be accessed from home. Login details can be found on Showbie. Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading log.

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## English

Children will be exploring different genres within our topic. They will learn to retrieve information from non-fiction texts to write a detailed report about London. They will also write a traditional tale and a diary entry from the point of view of Samuel Pepys.



## Rainbow Challenges

Research 5 interesting facts about a London Landmark.

Design and make a healthy packed lunch for Paddington Bear.

Can you design a map / route for Paddington Bear through your home?

Investigate the best material for a waterproof jacket for Paddington Bear.

Create a tally chart by asking family and friends their favourite city in the UK.

Can you create a travel guide for somewhere you have visited?

Create a poster about one of the capital cities in the UK.



## Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with numbers with up to 100. We will use concrete resources to help their understanding before moving onto problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods, such as the empty number line, will be used for addition and subtraction. In Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5, 10 and 3 multiplication tables, so any practice of these at home would be greatly appreciated.



## PE

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives at school **in their correct PE kit on these days**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

## Year 2 staff

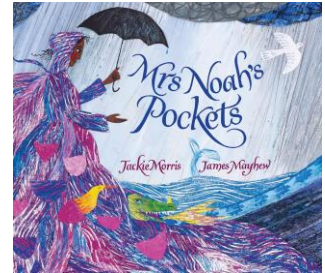
**Miss O'Grady**  
India class teacher

**Miss Paterson**  
Italy class teacher

**Miss Boast**  
Learning Support Assistant

**Miss Hailstone**  
Student teacher

## Recommended read



'Mrs Noah's pockets' by Jackie Morris. This beautifully illustrated story book focuses on the themes of inclusion, individuality and inclusion.



## Home learning

From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, your child will be given 1 word task and 1 maths or English task per week to complete on Showbie. This is related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie. These will be tested each Friday.