

English

This term our writing will all be closely linked to our theme, 'London Calling'. We will be using engaging and high-quality texts to hook and support the children. We will start by exploring the text, 'The Great Fire of London' in order to produce a non-chronological report and diary entries, writing in role.

Our next text will be 'Rosie, Revere Engineer'. We will be creating our own leaflets for a London landmark. We will be embedding grammar teaching in all of our English lessons. For example, using expanded noun phrases (the scorching summer heat) and adverbs to engage the reader. The children will be encouraged to proof-read for capital letters (at the start of sentences and for Proper nouns) and for full stops.

Science

For this term, we will be exploring 'Everyday materials'. The children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will also investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.



Computing



For this term, we will be exploring 'E-Safety.' We will be thinking about how to stay safe online and how to use the internet and technology safely.

Maths

This term we will begin by exploring number and place value. We will then be looking at the different methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be measuring length in different units, investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. To support your child at home, you could encourage them to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables confidently and in time we will focus on the related division facts. It is really important to understand the value of a number, identifying the number of tens and ones and being able to order and compare numbers. Children should use their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 to help them with their number bonds to 100.



History

Our theme this term is 'London Calling' - we will be exploring 'The Great Fire of London' followed by learning about 'Modern London'.

Our humanities focus will be History and the children will be expected to plot key events on a timeline, define words such as parliament and democracy and to argue their point of view. There will be plenty of speaking, listening and drama opportunities throughout this exciting theme.



Art and Design & Technology

In the first half-term, we will be focussing on painting. The children will revisit colour mixing and understand relationships between primary and secondary colours. They will explore warm and cool colours and create layered abstract paintings.

Next half term, we will be focusing on architecture. The children will explore architectural features of buildings, cut simple shapes from card and use them to construct architectural forms. This will be supported by studying the artist Zaha Hadid.

P.E.

This year a Specialist Sports Coach will be leading one of our two PE lessons. This term we will be focussing on invasion games by playing 'Mini-Games' such as Benchball and Handball.

Children will have their PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays. Rather than bringing in your PE kit, please come to school dressed in your P.E uniform on these days (long trousers as the weather is getting cold!).



Home Learning

Your child will be set English and Maths Home Learning Workbooks on a Friday and it must be handed in on the following Wednesday.

As well as the Home Learning being marked by an adult, the children will complete a weekly spelling test in which their application of the spelling pattern taught the week before will be tested.

If you require any clarification on tasks set then please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help! Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child is reading for at least 15 minutes every day.



Music

We are really looking forward to participating in Music lessons again this term. We will be listening to different types of music and learning how to create our own beats and rhythms. We are also excited to start singing again.



R.E. & P.S.H.E

This half term our Core Christian Value is 'Koinonia'. After half term it will be 'Friendship'. During our weekly RE lessons we will begin by exploring Christianity. This will include looking at the parables of Jesus. Next half term, we will be focusing on 'Where is the light of Christmas?'

During our weekly PSHE lessons, we will be focusing on healthy eating, thinking about hygiene and our mental wellbeing.

Canterbury Class Teacher: Miss McGuirk
Teaching Assistant: Miss Begum



HAMPSTEAD PAROCHIAL
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Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to Hampstead Parochial!
And more importantly, welcome to Year 2.

We have such a lot of exciting learning planned for this year and we feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to be your child's teacher. They have made a fabulous start to the year and I have been extremely proud. We have a feeling this is going to be a great year and we hope everyone enjoys our journey together.

Dates for your diary:

Half Term: 25th—29th October

P.E Days: Wednesday and Friday

Parent Consultations: TBC

Key Stage 1 Nativity: TBC

