Year 2 Summer 1

What we will be



learning this half term

READING	How to help at home
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 The children will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills to decode words as well as continue to learn strategies to help learn new spelling patterns. They will embed their understanding of digraphs and trigraphs to support reading more complex words. They will practise using prediction and inference skills when talking about texts. They will learn to support their ideas and responses using evidence found in the text. Pupils will continue to develop pleasure in reading Pupils will develop automaticity skills and speed reading. 	Please listen to your child read daily and sign their reading record book. Ask your child to retell what has happened in their books so far and to predict what might happen next.
WRITING	How to help at home
 Children will learn to write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional) write about real events demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required use present and past tense use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because) to join clauses Develop careful handwriting formation 	Encourage children to keep a diary, practising writing about real events in the past tense Handwriting practise
MATHEMATICS	How to help at home
 This term, children will focus on the four rules of number (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division) They will also revise previously learnt topics such as fractions and shape. Mental arithmetic skills will be practised in order to become more speedy and accurate when answering questions. Problem solving and reasoning activities will be practised and developed 	Practise times tables –use "mathsframe" website to support this Ask children to show you the strategies and methods they are learning in school Revise names of 2D and 3D shapes
SCIENCE	How to help at home
The focus this half term will be "plants" Children will be able - • To observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants • To explain why and how seeds are dispersed • To understand some scientific vocabulary	Grow some plants at home (eg cress seeds) Talk about plants and look carefully at them when out in the garden or park

•	To find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy To plan and carry out an investigation into the conditions that	Ask your child to talk about new science vocabulary they have learnt in school (eg germination/seed dispersal)
affect germination		
To be able to make predictions		
•	To observe closely using simple equipment by measuring and recording the growth of seeds and bulbs.	
•	To be able to record their findings	
COMPUTING		How to help at home
This term children will be learning to use "intelino trains"		
They will learn		
•	To write simple code to command the train to move.	Ask your children to talk about their
•	To construct the track and using commands give directional commands	learning.

HUMANITIES

Our history topic is "The Great Fire Of London"

- Children will be learning facts about this historical event in British history.
- They will also draw simple conclusions and deduce information about the past using pictures and information.
- They will find similarities and differences between aspects of their own life and the life of people in the past.

MUSIC	RE	PHSE
Children will learn to Contribute to a performance with growing confidence, improve a performance use the terms DYNAMICS/PITCH/TEMPO when talking about a piece of music talk about how music makes us feel.	The topic is "How are we the same and different from other people" • We will look in particular at the beliefs of the Islam/Baha'l religions	 Pupils will learn - To accept that everyone's family is different To understand that there are lots of forms of physical contact and that some of this is acceptable and some is not. To recognise people who can help me in my family, my school and my community. To demonstrate how to use a positive problemsolving technique to resolve conflicts
ART & DT	PE	
Our DT topic will involve planning, designing and making a vehicle.	We will focus on athletics and ball/racquet skills this term. Children will learn to run, jump, hurdle and throw with increasing control in a range of activities Small team games will be played to develop good sporting behaviour.	