

St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

Information for Parents – How to Help your child

Year Group: 2 Term: Spring Class Teacher: Mrs Richards Date: Friday 11th January 2019

Our main topic this term is 'London'

REGULAR TASKS

Reading: We will continue to send home two home reading books per week. Books will be changed on a **Friday**. Our library session will be on **Tuesday**, so your child needs to have their library book in school on this day if they would like to change it.

Spelling: We will continue to have weekly spelling tests on a **Friday**. There will continue to be two sets of spellings, one based on their phonics sounds and one on high frequency words.

Handwriting: We will continue to have daily handwriting sessions. Please give your child the opportunity to practice the formation of letters and check that they are forming them in the correct orientation. Each week your child will continue to be sent home with a handwriting sheet to complete and returned by the following Friday.

Literacy: We will begin the term by looking at the book 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. We will be re-telling the story and writing persuasive letters. We will then link our literacy to our 'Fire of London' topic, writing re-counts and instructions on how to make a fire engine. After half term we will move onto Lemony Snicket's 'The Dark' and writing information texts about the city of London. When working with your child at home please encourage them to add noun phrases, conjunctions (but, or, when, because, if, that), adverbs and sentence openers (finally, after that, firstly) to their sentences as appropriate.

Maths: This term we are learning to add and subtract with regrouping.

Please continue to help your child with:

- Learning all the addition and subtraction number facts on the number square sent home.
- Re-calling number facts, such as halves and doubles and their times tables, starting with 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Thinking of pairs of numbers to make a given total.
- Adding and subtracting two digit numbers by partitioning into tens and ones.

Phonics/Spelling and Grammar: Your child will continue to take part in a daily phonics or spelling and grammar session that is targeted to their ability group. We will continue to use the Read Write Inc scheme that your child used in Year 1 and the spelling patterns from the Year 2 spelling curriculum.

Science: In science we will be looking at Animals Including Humans. We will cover growth and change in animals and humans, and the importance of healthy food, exercise and hygiene for the human body.

Computing: In Computing we will be learning to send emails and to import and edit images. We will then move onto coding and programming.

History: We will be learning about the Great Fire of London. Children will learn about how the fire started and devastated the city we live in. They will also compare modern day London to the city in 1666.

Geography: This topic will also focus on modern day London. Children will learn the names and locations of key London landmarks and learn to read and create maps.

PE: Your child will be expected to bring in a PE kit on **Monday and Wednesday**. This term we will be focusing on Gymnastics and Futsal.

RE: This term in RE, we will be studying personal beliefs and values. We will continue to draw on our studies of Judaism and Christianity and compare these with other world religions and non-religious views. Children will have the opportunity to compare their own beliefs with others. We will begin to use religious vocabulary to describe ways which people show their beliefs. We will also ask questions about our school community at St John's.

Art: In art, we will experiment with a variety of techniques to create pictures of the Fire of London, create model fire engines, and draw and sketch famous London landmarks.

Music: In Music the children will be learning music connected with myths from different parts of the British Isles and adding sound effects, and will be studying the orchestra and its instruments through Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf.

Homework: Your child will receive one piece of homework each week in relation to the work we have been doing in school to support their learning and skills. This will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due back in on a **Wednesday**. You will also continue to receive a Maths at Home task to complete.

You are always welcome to come and see me with any questions or if you would like further advice or ideas of how you could further help your child at home.

Class Teacher:

Mrs Richards

Head of School:

Ms. Wightwick