



Rothersthorpe Church of England Primary School

## Class 2 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2017

### English

Following on the Theatre group's performance of 'Dick Whittington' we will do lots of activities based around Fairy Tales and continue to work on punctuation marks. Next the children will learn how to write statements, commands, exclamations and instructions. At the end of term they will explore poetry and write verses to add to familiar poems and their own poetry. The children will use similes, rhyming couplets and statements and consider the most effective adjectives and verbs for their compositions.



### Maths

The children will be identifying properties of numbers, comparing using  $<$  and  $>$ , using number bonds, counting in steps, sequencing and Year 2 will also learn about rounding numbers. Adding and subtracting will focus on using 3 or more numbers, including 2-digit numbers. The children will measure and compare weights. We will also go over telling the time: Year 1 to the hour or half hour, Year 2 to the quarters, please help your child with this too! We will begin to relate multiplication to division, doubling and halving and rehearse counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Year 2 will find fractions of amounts, including thirds.



### Integrated Curriculum Theme: Fire of London

#### Science

Year 1 & 2- classifying materials/properties of materials. We will be investigating materials their uses, by planning and carrying out a fair test. Changing Seasons.

#### History/Geography

Fire of London- life in Stuart times, how and why the fire started and spread so quickly. Samuel Pepys and his diary. The Fire of Northampton.

#### ICT

Coding lessons - understanding that when a computer does something it is following 'code', representing objects and actions.



#### RE

People in Christianity- What can we learn from Jesus and St Francis?



#### Music-

Ten Pieces- BBC DVD- 10 pieces of classical music for children. Also using percussion as an accompaniment.



#### PE

Gymnastics and large apparatus  
Dance- Strictly Event



#### Art/DT

'Fire' pictures.  
Batique workshop with visiting artist.



#### PHSE

Jigsaw unit - Celebrating difference  
Class/School Councils.  
Circle time



### Trips / Visitors / Special Events

Strictly Tea Dance - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Visit to Northampton Fire Station

# Class Information

## Thank you!

A huge thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and wishes, they were much appreciated. We hope you all had a super family Christmas time and wish you all the very best for 2017. Happy New Year everyone!

## Homework

### Reading

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's reading. We will continue to listen to and support your child with reading *at least* once a week with an adult, plus a session per week as Guided Reading (GR) in a small group with either Mrs Donohoe or Mrs Gibbon.

### Reminders:

*Please sign and date your child's Reading Diary whenever you hear them read at home, a comment is also most welcome but not essential. We hope you like the new reading diary and the activities inside which help support our child.*

When reading any text it is beneficial to ask your child questions about what they have read in order to check their understanding and also encourage them to ask questions and discuss what they have found out or found interesting/funny/surprising/noteworthy etc.

### Spellings

As part of the new National Curriculum improving spelling is a priority. Please continue to support your child with applying their phonic skills in reading and writing. **Wednesday** remains the day for testing your child on spelling in school but we are always encouraging them to make phonic attempts when writing and teaching spelling patterns in Phonics sessions.

### Homework Activity

A weekly homework task, linked to our curriculum theme, Literacy, Science or Numeracy, will still be brought home each **Friday**. We hope these are self-explanatory and enjoyable for you to complete with your child. The aim of these activities is to support your child's learning in school, please encourage them to complete their work independently but obviously support them where needed. We are always available to answer any queries you may have. Please ensure your child completes the weekly activity and returns their Homework Book by the following **Wednesday**. Thank you.