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Year 2 – Purple Class Newsletter – Spring 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We have a busy and exciting term ahead, and we would like to share some key information about our learning and topics coming up!

2023 has already got off to an exciting start for Purple Class with a couple of activities to round off our learning about The Great Fire of London. On the first day back we put ourselves in Thomas Farriner's shoes and made bread rolls from scratch. Thankfully, we didn't start a fire in the process and they were delicious! On our second day back we were lucky enough to be visited by Hertfordshire Fire Service. They explained all the different features of the fire engine and their uniforms. We also all got to sit inside the fire engine and have a go squirting the hose!

Curriculum

This term we have a Geography focus and we will be looking at the city of Sylhet in Bangladesh and comparing it with St Albans. We will be identifying the geographical differences between the two locations and also explore the similarities and differences between our own lives and those of children living in Sylhet. Linking with this, in DT, we will develop our food preparation skills and we will make a Bangladeshi curry! There will also be some links with our History where we will be focusing on the history of our families and exploring the concept of time lines. In RE our focus is on places of worship and we will be visiting a church, synagogue and mosque over the next few weeks. Details of these local trips will be sent in a separate email.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides further information about everything we will be doing this term and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Reading

All reading books will continue to be changed on Thursdays so please ensure that they are in bookbags. Before moving them to the next level, we will check that they have 95% fluency on their current level which means they should be able to read the book easily. This builds reading confidence and we provide them more of a challenge in our weekly whole class guided reading sessions. In these sessions we focus on decoding texts as well as looking at a range of stories and extracts for comprehension. The children will also have the opportunity to change their library books on Wednesdays. Ideally we would like the children to be reading daily at home, either with an adult or older sibling.

Homework

This term homework will be set on Wednesdays and will consist of 5 spellings to practise connected to the phonics sounds we have been learning that week. They will be sent home on paper with their homework books but also put on Google Classroom. In addition there will be a task set on Purple Mash. In Year 2 Homework should take no more than 20-25 minutes so please do not spend longer than this.

PE Kits

We will have PE on Mondays and Fridays. However, PE kits should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. A pair of socks would be useful too if your child regularly wears tights to school. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (for year 2, two laps) on the school's running track.

Communication

The best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day, but of course we know that sometimes you will need to pass on an urgent message in the morning. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we can schedule a time to talk so that we have the time needed to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

The Year 2 Team