

Year 1 and 2 Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Bassingbourn Community Primary School

Our main topic: What is history?

In History, children will find out what history is and how we learn about the past. They will put events from their own lives in order, look closely at old objects and photographs, and use words such as past, present, then and now to describe change.

Other Subjects

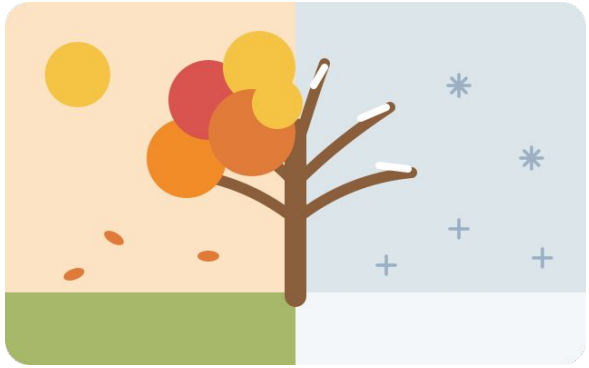
Religion: Why should we care for others?

PE: Sending and receiving; net and wall games

Music: Fairytales: sound patterns

Computing: Programming: commands unplugged

PSHE / Class Assemblies: How can I help others and the environment?



English

This half term, children will develop their writing through The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams.

After finding out how the fire started and spread, the children will use what they have learnt to plan, draft and edit their own fact sheet.

Spelling: this half term, we are focusing on learning and embedding common exception words.

Phonics

Phonics groups are based on the children's most recent assessments and will be reassessed at the end of the half term. Depending on their group, children will learn Set 3 sounds, including alternative spellings, and read Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Maths

Maths will continue to be taught in dynamic groups, so your child learns at the right pace for them.

Year 1: numbers to 20, addition and subtraction within 20, and shape and patterns.

Year 2: addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers, and faces, shapes, patterns, lines and turns.

Regular practice will continue at home through NumBots.

Science

This half term, children will focus on: **Seasonal Changes**

Over the coming weeks, the children will observe how the weather and the natural world change from autumn into winter. They will name the four seasons, learn which months belong to each one, describe the typical weather and notice how day length changes across the year.

Design and Technology

Last half term, our focus was art. This half term, our focus moves to design and technology, as the children design, make and evaluate their own slider game.

Along the way, they will explore how sliders make parts move and test their ideas before making the final game.





Year 1 and 2 Home Learning Menu Autumn 2 Term

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Weekly Home Learning

RWI Reading Books: these need to be brought into school daily. Books will be changed every Thursday and come home on Friday, so no RWI book will come home on a Thursday.

Library: library books will be changed weekly. Please make sure they are returned every Thursday.

NumBots: children can use this platform to practise their maths skills at home.

Half Termly Project

Children should choose at least one project from the menu. Completed projects will be shared during Presentation Day in the final week. If you need any help or guidance, please ask your child's teacher.

Project deadline: Monday 14th December

English

Make a fact sheet about the Great Fire of London. Include a title, a picture and three facts.

Reading

Share a favourite book with someone at home. Draw your favourite part and tell them why you like it.

Phonics

Go on a sound hunt at home. Write a list of words that use the sounds you have learnt this week.

Maths

Find 2D and 3D shapes around your home. Sort them into groups and explain how you sorted them.

Science

Keep a weather diary for a week using pictures and symbols. Which season are we in, and which months belong to it?

History

Use photos or drawings to make a timeline of your life so far. Label each picture with your age.

Design and Technology

Make a picture with a part that moves using a paper slider. Explain how your slider works.

Computing

Give someone at home a set of instructions to move from one place to another. Did they follow your commands correctly?

Music

Choose a fairytale and use your voice or homemade instruments to make sound effects for it.

PE

Practise throwing and catching a ball with someone at home. How many catches can you make in a row?

PSHE

Make a poster showing how we can help others and look after our environment.

Religion

Draw or write about a time someone cared for you, or you cared for someone else.