

Year 2 Autumn Term (1)

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Worship theme of term:

Self-control



Welcome to Year 2! We are very excited to share your child's learning journey with you.

Firstly, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that children in Year 2 will need the following items:

A named school uniform and PE kit; PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Children come to school wearing their kit on these days.

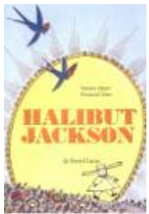
A named school bag;

A named water bottle.

If your child is having packed lunch, please ensure this is provided in a named lunchbox which they can keep in the classroom. Whilst it is not essential, children may also bring in a small named pencil case containing a pencil, a few coloured pencils or felt-tips, a rubber and sharpener. If the weather is hot, hats and sunscreen (applied before school) may also be needed.

The main topic for the Autumn term is History, and children will learn all about 'The Story of London'. This will include The Great Fire of London, London Landmarks and finding out about other key historical figures. It would be lovely if you could discuss this at home with your child, sharing your own experiences and knowledge of London and historical events together. This is a very popular topic among staff and pupils and we are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that await, including a 'virtual visitor' who will join us to supplement our learning!

If you have any questions, please do email the Year 2 team at: Y2parent@parish.bromley.sch.uk



ENGLISH

This half term the children will be exploring Halibut Jackson, The Dark and a collection of diverse poems. Halibut Jackson explores themes of bravery and celebrates differences – will Halibut Jackson be brave enough to go to the Queen's party? The Dark, by Lemony Snicket, is a wonderful text which enables the children to make their own predictions whilst analysing characters. The children will also have the opportunity to recite and perform a range of engaging, and amusing, poems!

MATHS

Along with regular arithmetic, problem-solving and reasoning opportunities, this half-term's learning will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. The children will use dienes, counters and multilink cubes in order to support their understanding of the number system. We will also explore how to represent numbers pictorially to make accurate calculations.

SCIENCE – *Living Things And Their Habitats*

During the Autumn Term, the children in Year 2 will be exploring the topic of 'Living things and their habitat' in their weekly Forest School sessions. They will be able to explore animals, what they need to survive, looking at a range of habitats and microhabitats. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life in an outside environment.

Humanities

Throughout the half term, Year 2 will be exploring the history of London as well as deepening their understanding of Christianity. During our RSHE and P4C sessions, the children will explore themes such as kindness, respect and equality. It is always wonderful to see the children contributing so confidently and positively during these thought-provoking sessions.

Focus Vocabulary

environment
differences
equal
patience

Creative and active

An essential part of our curriculum will see the children develop their knowledge of colour. Year 2 PE sessions also provide the children with the vital opportunity to work as a team and support their peers.

Building learning, friendships and faith