Year 2 Autumn Term 2

In English this term we will be learning...

* The four difference sentence types- statement, question, command and exclamation- and their jobs

* How to write a diary to recount a made up event using our history knowledge

* About Nursery Rhymes and learning some of them off by heart to perform to Reception Class

* The lead-in strokes required to join letters together! (Please note: **We will not join our letters yet**- we must learn all the joining strokes first, so please remind your children not to rush- slow and steady wins the race!)

* To compare modern and traditional tales

In Science this term we will be learning about...

everyday materials. We will be:

* Recalling the materials we learnt about in Year 1 and which of these are common materials

* Naming some of the properties of these materials- transparency, magnetism, absorbency, stiffness

* Testing materials for their properties

* Investigating how to use these materials and which materials can be changed or altered by applying forces

You can find a link to our knowledge organiser here.

Additional information and class news...

***Phonics** – We are consolidating our knowledge of phase 5 phonics that we learnt in Year 1. Please ensure you look at the homework in your child's purple folder as this will show you exactly which sounds we have covered each week. Please also read regularly at home to support your child's phonics.

***PE** – We will be getting changed for PE on Wednesdays. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or covered.

* **SCHOOL TRIP!** To support our learning in history, this term we will be visiting a Victorian School to experience what life would have been like for those children! Please see the letter sent out on 21st October for more details. If you have not yet paid for this trip, then your payment is overdue- please see your child's PayPal account for more details.

In maths this term we will be learning...

* To reason about our maths knowledge- it is important that we are able to explain how we know an answer is correct, as well as solve calculations!

* Efficient ways to subtract- we will learn some new methods for subtracting two 2-digit numbers by partitioning, subtracting the 10s and then the 1s

* Positional language, including rotation clockwise and anticlockwise

* 3d shape names and properties

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Other curriculum we will be learning this term is...

History – How was school different in the past?

We will learn:

* that schools have not always been the same

* to compare schools from the 1900s, 1960s, 1980s and today

DT – Chair for a Bear

We will learn:

* to make structures out of paper using strong shapes and stiff materials

* to use this knowledge to make a chair designed to hold a (teddy) bear!