

Buttercup class - Term 2

Great and Ghastly Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have loved getting to know and working with your children this term, and I am really impressed as to how well they have all settled into year 2. Our next topic will be *Great and Ghastly Events*. In this **history**-driven theme, we will look at The Great Fire of London and Bonfire Night focussing on how people and events from the Past have changed in London.

In **Science**, we will cover materials, how to identify different groups of materials and how we use them in today's world. In **Art**, we will explore the work of the British artist *Antony Gormley* before having a go at creating our own sculptures out of plasticine and clay. All other foundation subject themes for the term can be found on our school website [here](#).

In **English**, we will be focusing on the text 'Toms magnificent machines' by Linda Sarah. I have been blown away with the children's writing and all their wonderful ideas so far. I am excited to share this story with them and I know this story will inspire them with more great writing. They will continue to work on the basics of sentences - capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, whilst focussing on incorporating our new grammar skills - alliteration, similes, expanded noun phrases into their writing. They will continue to do daily phonics sessions and WCR. I really appreciate your support with listening to them read their phonics books and practising sounds and words that have been sent home. Please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home, your support makes all the difference.

In **Maths**, we will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction before moving onto 2D and 3D shapes. Please continue with Doodle as it is a great way of consolidating all their learning.

Homework

Maths: Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). This is monitored in school and those not completing it will be expected to do so on a Friday.

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays.

Spellings: Children are required to complete their weekly spellings, where words are written three times and a sentence is written for each word. This is checked on Mondays.

PE will continue on a **Monday and Wednesday**, please ensure children have correct PE kit for this.

As always, please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely and restful half term break.

Miss Walker