

This half term, we are going to be following the Paddington theme:  
**'Why did Paddington leave darkest Peru?'**

### **'What will I be learning about?'**

We will be using this theme to explore and develop our knowledge of London. This learning will be taken into D and T where we will be looking at building structures. We will also be exploring the fire of London in our history learning.

### **PSHCE-Jig saw Piece Three Dreams and Goals**

Once again PSHE will form a big part of our curriculum, as we have with the previous half terms, we will be following the Jigsaw scheme of learning. The focus will be on looking at our dreams and goals.

**PE-**We are starting a dance unit, putting together sequences to music pieces. We will be discussing how the style of music and how different colours and images can make you want to move your bodies in different ways.

**Design and Technology-** We will be investigating structures, in particular, how to build for height and strength. We will also be having a bridge 'challenge' looking into how we can make a sturdy and strong bridge.

**Art Drawing and Painting-** We will be exploring different medias this half term within the subject of Art. We will be looking in detail at the artists Henri Matisse and Paul Klee. We will be producing pieces of art inspired by these famous artists.

**English-Reading and phonics is our number one priority. Reading holds the key that allows your child to access their learning across the whole curriculum.**

*We will be reviewing our phonics daily as well as additional intervention groups for the children who need it.*

*In addition to this, children are reading daily in guided reading groups and sharing lots of exciting books as a class.*

***Some of the books we are sharing as a class are-***

The series of Paddington stories- Paddington a book of bears by Michael Bond

We will mainly focus on:

Paddington and Paddington goes to the Circus

We will be reading a lot of different non-fiction books to independently research facts about London and the Great Fire of London. They will also explore non-fiction books about animals and healthy living.

We can't stress enough how important reading at home is. Please could you ensure your child has their yellow liaison book and reading book everyday.

We will be writing stories, character descriptions and instructions.

**Phonics-**We are continuing to learn how to spell year 1 and 2 common exception words.

We will be revisiting all phase 3 sounds, as well as the phase 5 sounds we learnt last term. We will also be learning some new phase 5 alternate graphemes this half term. Some children will be continuing to access phonics interventions.

### **Science**

Science will be taught in separate year groups. We are all continuing to explore animals, including humans.

Year 1 will be exploring how animals, including humans have offspring who grow into adults. We will also be looking at the basic needs of animals and what they need in order to survive.

Year 2 will explore health within animals including humans. This will include exercise, healthy eating and the different types of diets.

### **History**

The focus of this term is 'events beyond living memory.'

The children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be looking at comparing life in the present to life in 1666. We will be looking at the chronology of events, including why and how the fire started. We will also be exploring the changes to London brought about by this historic event.

### **Geography**

The main focus within geography this half term is London.

We will also be identify where we live: our planet, our continent, our country and our town.

We will be naming the four countries within the UK and identifying their capital cities.

The children will be exploring key landmarks within London and using key geographical vocabulary to describe key physical features.

To aid learning, we will be exploring globes and atlases. We will also be exploring Google maps.

**\* Reminders \***

**PE kits**

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

**All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear any jewellery including earrings.**

**School times.**

Class Three are arriving at school at 8.45 am. They will be leaving school at 3.00pm. Both drop off and pick up will be from the Pitt Street gate.

**Home reading**

We are continuing to organise our home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. Children will have a phonics reading book and two reading practice books. Our new reading books are much more challenging than previous schemes we have used and there is a lot of new vocabulary in them. It is worth spending time talking to your child about the new vocabulary so they understand its meaning. They need to bring their books to school every Thursday and new books will be sent home on Fridays. There was a separate letter explaining how this will work sent out last term.

**Homework**

**Homework will be sent home on Fridays and will need to be returned on Thursdays.**

focusing on in class.

**Maths**

We will be using our knowledge of number place value within 20 and applying this looking at addition and subtraction. We will also begin to look at number place value within 50.

The interventions that were running in Autumn 2 will continue into Spring 1,

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