

Perilous Plots

Year 2 Newsletter—September/October 2020

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Reminders

PE days in Year 2 are Monday and Thursday each week—please send children to school in sports wear.

Forest School days in Year 2: Hazel class— 9.9.20, 23.9.20, 7.9.20, 21.9.20 Larch class—16.9.20, 30.9.20, 14.9.20

Maths

- ⇒ Place value exploring numbers up to 100
- ⇒ Addition and subtraction
- ⇒ Problem solving involving addition and subtraction
- ⇒ Time—reviewing o'clock and half past, then exploring 5 minute intervals and quarter past/quarter to
- ⇒ Pictograms—beginning to explore methods of collecting and presenting data

English

- ⇒ Use conjunctions to extend sentences e.g. and, but, or, so, because
- ⇒ Write stories using adjectives to add descriptive details
- ⇒ Commas for lists
- ⇒ Describe characters and settings

PSHE

Your child's well-being is paramount to us here at Westfield and so PSHE will focus on your child and their emotions and mental well-being.

- ⇒ Name and explain our feelings
- ⇒ Learn strategies for managing negative feelings

Creative

This term we are exploring the story behind Bonfire Night and seeing the way our local community was linked.

- ⇒ Use the story of the gunpowder plot to compare aspects of life in different times
- ⇒ Begin to understand cause & effect by looking at the impact of the letter sent to Lord Montecagle
- ⇒ Develop historical understanding by exploring pictures and artefacts
- ⇒ Use a running stitch to create a firework applique
- ⇒ Explore local places that are linked to significant historical events
- ⇒ Local study of Dudley castle and its place in history

Religious Education

- ⇒ Caring for the natural world—Exploring stories from different religious traditions and finding out about attitudes towards the natural world

French

- ⇒ My Family— State family members and recognise items around the home belonging to family

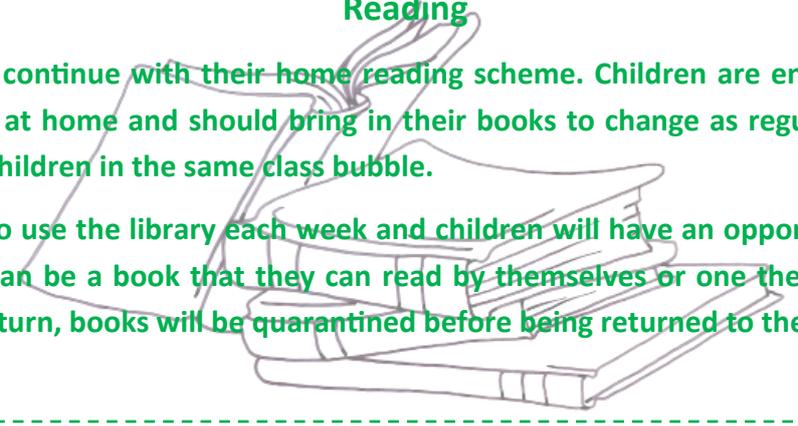
Physical Activity

- ⇒ Developing catching and throwing and applying it to games
- ⇒ Exploring movements with the body through dance
- ⇒ Using the natural environment to achieve different objectives

Reading

In Year 2, children will continue with their home reading scheme. Children are encouraged to read for at least 10 minutes a day at home and should bring in their books to change as regularly as possible. Books will only be shared by children in the same class bubble.

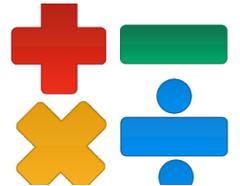
We will also continue to use the library each week and children will have an opportunity to choose a book to read at home; this can be a book that they can read by themselves or one they wish to share with an adult at home. Upon return, books will be quarantined before being returned to the library.



Maths

Helpful ideas for helping your child at home with maths:

- ◇ Practising number bonds to 10 and 20 e.g. 7 and 3 is 10 or $7 + 3 = 10$ so $10 - 3 = 7$
- ◇ BBC Bitesize—maths games and activities <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>



Homework

Children should complete at least one homework for their creative topic each half term, although you can do as many as you like. Be creative as you can and bring them in to show your teacher and the rest of your class!

Make a comic strip of the events surrounding the Gun Powder plot—create your own cartoon characters and make it as eye-catching as possible!

Make a WANTED poster for one of the plotters. Make sure you draw a picture of the plotter, offer a reward and explain the reason why they are wanted.

Write a diary entry from one of the plotters point of view. Remember to use the style of speech that would have been used in 1605.

Can you find out the names of different kings and queens of England? What did they look like?

Explore a castle in Europe and compare it to a castle more locally e.g. Dudley or Tamworth. What similarities and differences are there? Present your findings however you like—be creative!

Design and make a castle, include key features such as turrets, arrow loops and a drawbridge. Take a photo and send it into school so we can have a look.

You can contact us with concerns or queries by emailing: Year2@westfield.staffs.sch.uk