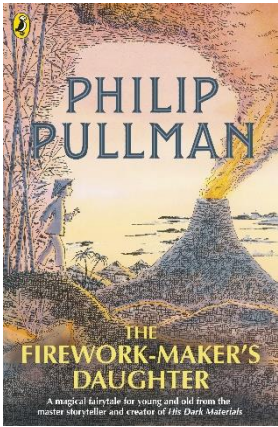


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Lower Key Stage 2

Autumn 1



In Lower Key Stage 2, our learning this half term will see us exploring the text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' which focuses on a young girl called Lila who dreams of becoming a firework maker like her father.

This text provides opportunities for children to learn about different cultures and the importance of resilience. The children will use the text throughout their topic-driven afternoons.

Find out more details below!

In **English** this half term, the children will be writing a narrative based on The Firework Maker's Daughter followed by an information text about The Romans. We will be focussing on ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard, as well as learning the features of these text types.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be focussing on our place value topic. We will explore the value of each digit in three and four-digit numbers and will understand how to compare, sequence, partition and represent numbers up to 1,000.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will use a range of historical sources to learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will learn where the Romans came from and how vast the Roman Empire became. We will be able to explain why the Romans invaded Britain and understand why and how the Romans built new roads and new towns in Britain.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about volcanoes. We will explain how the Earth's crust impacts where, how and why volcanoes and earthquakes occur. We will understand the different types of volcanoes and where they are located on a map.

Science

In Science this half term, we will explore the topic 'rocks'. We will identify the difference between different types of rocks and group rocks based on their properties using microscopes. We will use scientific vocabulary to describe how fossils are formed.

Art & Design

In Art, we will learn about digital media, exploring the work of David Zinn and Sandrine Boulet to capture an image and create a street art piece. In DT, we will be learning about textiles, discovering the evolution of bags and fashion design. We will create and design their very own bag!

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will be learning about our fundamental British Values and why they are important. In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism and exploring the diverse ways in which Hindus demonstrate their faith.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 50 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday. Spelling tests are completed on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.

Lower Key Stage 2 Teachers: Miss Hunt and Miss Patterson
Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Durham, Mrs Midgley and Mrs Weathers

Year 3 - **P.E.** is on: **Monday (Dodgeball) and Tuesday (Outdoor Adventurous Activities).**
Year 4 - **P.E.** is on: **Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday (Martial arts).**
Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.