YEAR 2 CURRICULUM BULLETIN

AUTUMN 1

THIS HALF-TERM

Welcome to the start of an exciting year at Salusbury Primary School. We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and are ready to dive into the new term. We have so much wonderful learning planned and many interesting topics to cover this half term; this will include revising and building on number knowledge in maths, as well as looking at both new and familiar texts to support and inspire the children in their writing.

Destination Reader will introduce rich, quality texts.
Please ensure that your child is reading and practising number bonds to 20 and times tables (2s, 5s and 10s) every evening. This will have a great impact on their progress.

Should you have any concerns or wish to speak to us about your child's progress, please feel free to arrange an appointment. We are available to talk before and after school on most days.

We look forward to working with you and your child!

Mr Hirani, Miss Kay & Ms Dickenson
Year 2 Team

IMPORTANT DATES

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 17h September
International Week: w/c 28th September
International Evening: Thursday 1st October
Parents Evening: Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October

WAYS TO HELP AT HOME

- Encourage daily reading of various materials, including fiction and non-fiction, and discuss what your child has read to enhance comprehension and critical thinking.
- Support maths learning by using real-life activities like cooking or shopping to practice times tables, fractions, and mental maths.
- Foster scientific curiosity through simple experiments at home, such as growing plants or exploring circuits, and use educational videos to explore topics like space and the human body.
- Develop writing skills by encouraging journaling or story writing and expand their vocabulary through word games.
- Explore history and geography by visiting museums, historical sites, and using maps or online tools to learn about key topics in the curriculum.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be looking at familiar texts and honing in on the children's writing skills, with a stronger focus on handwriting.

Children will have the opportunity to develop their ability to describe characters & settings and retell familiar stories. There will be further emphasis on children learning and using the correct punctuation, spellings and grammar.

Daily Supported Reader, Destination Reader and Read Write Inc (phonics) will continue as normal. We will also focus on spelling rules and reviewing high frequency and common exception words. Spelling tests will be undertaken weekly.

MATHS

As Mathematicians, we will be embedding the children's understanding of number. We will continue to revise number bonds to 10 and 20 and extend to 100. There will be a focus on place value and number sense, in addition to this the children will be learning a range of strategies to add and subtract 2 digit numbers and solve word problems.

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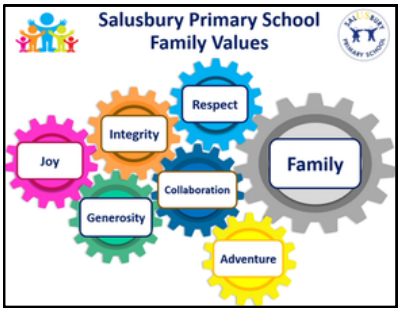
PSHE AND RE

In PSHE, we will be learning about **rights and responsibilities** which includes: classroom expectations, universal children's' rights and values. We will also be reviewing the Zones of Regulation.

In RE, we will be learning about **Islam**. We will look at how important the Qur'an is to Muslims.

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will be exploring the hardness, rigidity, elasticity, plasticity and toughness of different materials. We will be learning how to set up comparative tests, make observations and record our results.



This half-term's value is **Adventure**.

SPANISH

This year, the children will have access to our brand new language lab! During Autumn 1, they will be learning how to introduce themselves, talk about their age & feelings, as well as asking and answering simple questions.

ART AND MUSIC

As Artists, we will be creating 3 dimensional art relating to Tudor architecture. This will act as a fantastic introduction to our Great Fire of London topic which will follow next half term.
In Music, we will continue to practise various music skills with Brent Music Service.

COMPUTING

- We will look at the different types and uses of information technology at school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries.

PE

Sardonyx will be introduced to the sport of fencing focusing on fundamentals.
Sunstone will be exploring dance.
Sapphire will be exploring gymnastics.

HUMANITIES

As geographers, we will be learning about the 4 countries in the United Kingdom along with their capital cities. We will be exploring different physical and human features that can be found in each of the countries.