

Knebworth Expectations

- Children should be in school and ready to start at 9:00am, doors open at 8.50am and are locked at 9:00am. Children who arrive after this time should enter via the office.
- Children should wear full school uniform including school shoes (not trainers) and long hair should be tied back.
- Reading book and reading record should be in school every day and taken home each night. These should be kept in the children's drawers in their classroom.
- Children should be reading at home daily with family members, any reading is good reading!
- Full and correct PE kit should be in school for PE days, which are on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Children should bring a bottle filled with water to school each day, this can be kept inside the classroom.
- Children are offered a healthy snack of fruit during break time which is provided by the school. If you would rather provide your child with their own snack then this is fine as long as it is fruit/veg or a healthy snack. Crisps or biscuits are not acceptable.
- If you have a query or concern, always speak to your class teacher first. This can be done by leaving a message at the office or at the end of the day.

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Primary & Nursery School



Termly Information

Year 2

Autumn

Curriculum Information

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Money and Multiplication Skills.

English: Traditional Tales / Fairy Tales (main text = Elves and the Shoemaker), Recounts (writing from personal experiences), Report Writing (linked to Great Fire of London), Poetry (calligrams – with a focus on building new vocabulary).

Science: Animals (including humans with a focus on Health and Growth), Materials (properties and uses of materials for a variety of purposes).

History/Geography: The Great Fire of London – some mapwork (locating key locations and landmarks within the UK), learning about historical figures and events (through researching the great fire of London using books, film and other media).

DT: Mechanisms – sliders and levers (Christmas cards).

Art: Andy Goldsworthy (looking at art in nature, creating collages using natural resources).

RE: Signs and Symbols, Christmas.

Music: Developing the Singing Voice, Understanding Pitch, Musical Symbols.

PE: Dance/Yoga, Throwing and Catching.

PE kits are required on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.

French: Greetings, Numbers.

PSHE: Health and Well-Being

Computing: E-safety (using technologies safely and building good practice), Creating Games (using Scratch), Testing Games (debugging).

Spellings:

Animal words will still be sent home for those children who are working on them, children will be either learning to read them or to spell them.

Please note Galileo class will be taught by Miss Bains on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Mrs Day on Thursday and Fridays.

Other Information

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the lovely weather! The Autumn Term is always a busy one, and we have got lots to fit in, including the Christmas show!

This term, Year Two will be focusing on developing their independent skills and settling into their new classroom and routines. We want all our children to feel happy and safe in their new class and will spend time during the first term ensuring we are helping them to do this. The Great Fire of London is a brilliant topic to start the year off with and the children love learning about this historical event.

Please help to support your child with their home learning. Animal words should still be coming home with those children who they are still relevant for. Additionally, the focus on reading is still as important as ever, and we ask that **children read at home daily**. We will aim to listen to your child read in a group once a week (guided reading) and also hope to listen to individual readers when we can! The children will continue to develop their decoding skills, but comprehension skills are going to be an important focus and we will be asking questions linked to texts.

Things to do at home:

- Daily reading
- Animal words if applicable
- Start learning times tables – starting with 2, 5 and 10. The aim is for instant recall!

Key Dates:

Monday 10th September: Meet the Teacher – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Thursday 11th October: Great Fire of London Workshop – a BIG thank you to FOKS for covering the cost of this wonderful learning opportunity!

Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov : Half Term

Friday 30th Nov: Occasional day

Thursday 13th December: Year 2 Christmas Show at 2pm

Friday 21st December: Last day of term – **1.30pm finish**

We hope you are looking forward to working with us in Year 2. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or speak to us directly after school and we will be happy to arrange a time to speak to you.

Miss Bains, Mrs Day and Miss Baylis