



# Year 2 Newsletter.

**Topic** - Our focus for this half-term is Cities in Europe. The children are all very enthusiastic about this topic already thanks to our 'Paris Day' on Monday. We will be learning about **Paris, Madrid, Manchester and London** throughout this half term and we are very excited for the children to continue to be inspired by their learning. Our half term will conclude with a mini topic surrounding the Great Fire of London whereby the children will be doing some amazing learning and engaging activities.

**Project** - As part of our Topic, we would like to invite the children to do some research of their own about a different European city to the ones we will be learning about. We will have a session in class towards the end of the half term where the children can become the teachers and teach the class about their chosen city. Please note this is an optional project and can be presented anyway the children like. Please can all projects be completed and in school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Literacy** - This half-term our writing will revolve around the book 'Claude in the City' which should inspire the children to produce some more wonderful writing. We will be doing lots of different styles of writing such as newspaper reports, poetry, information pages, diary entries and story writing.

**Science** - In this half-term, the children will be learning about 'Keeping our bodies healthy'. This will include learning about exercise, healthy food and keeping ourselves clean.

**Homework** - This will be given out every Tuesday and collected the following Tuesday. Any children who fail to complete this will have the opportunity to complete it during lunchtime on Wednesday. Homework for this half term will include:

- 1) Spelling Lists (given out on a Friday in preparation for spelling test the following Friday)
- 2) Handwriting
- 3) Times Tables

**Maths** - Our focus in this subject for this half-term is all about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be continuing to challenge the children with word problems and reasoning questions to develop their deeper understanding.

**Times Tables** will continue to be a massive focus this year so it is vital that every child knows their tables ( $\times 10$   $\times 2$   $\times 5$ ) by the end of the year. All children have been set up with their own Times Tables Rockstars login and password and we are already seeing the benefits from this website in school.

## PE

PE for year two will remain indoor on a Friday afternoon and outdoor on a Monday afternoon, weather permitting.

**Reading** - all children should be reading at home **at least 3 nights per week** and recording what they read in their Reading Records. These will be checked as often as possible. Those children who read more often achieve higher scores in their reading, writing and spelling assessments!