

English

Writing – This half term we will continue to understand ‘What makes a good writer’ and develop our sentence writing. We will be revisiting the use of full stops, capital letters and finger spaces and begin to use conjunctions. We will be reading a variety of traditional tales

During Black History month our focus will be on MO Farah and we will be creating a fact file about him.

Reading- We will continue with the Phonics program and consolidate our learning of set 2 and 3 sounds. Children will focus on reading with fluency and expression.

It is important you read with your child every night for 10 minutes.

History

The children will be learning about the Gunpowder plot. They will be able to retell the story of the gunpowder plot and say why November 5th is important.

Ask your child to tell you the key facts of the Gunpowder plot.

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this half term. Tuesday will focus on Dance and Thursday will be Games.

Music

The children will compose and perform a piece of music using a variety of dynamics.

Would you prefer to live in a town or a city?

This topic supports the children’s understanding of their home & how their home may be different from other people’s in this country. We want then to understand that London is a city & living in a city is different to living in a town. We want them to ‘notice the details’ in their local area & to be able to use appropriate nouns to describe them. **Independence** is important here as the children consider their own choices and preferences and how this may be different from others around them.

Hello Parents and Carers, Welcome back to a new year in Canon Barnett! This year your child is in **Year 2 Dolphin Class**. This letter will inform you of the learning that your child will be covering for the first half term.

Science

This term we will be focussing on the topic of materials. The children will build on their knowledge of materials from year 1 to help them name the material that objects are made from. They will look at the properties of materials and know how they can be changed in different ways.

Ask your child what objects inside and outside the home are made of and ask them to describe the properties.

Design Technology

The children will create a 3D model of a town linking to our English topic. They will be using different techniques for cutting, joining, sticking and finishing a model.

RE

Our topic for the term is: Who is a Christian and what do they believe in? The children will be able to talk about what Christians believe.

Maths

-This term we will be consolidating our knowledge and understanding of the number system. We will be learning the place value of 2-digit numbers and understand how we order, sort and compare numbers.

-We will be building on addition and subtraction methods the children learnt in year 1 and extended these to include 2-digit numbers.

-The children will be learning how to count in 2s, 10s and 5s and looking at how this links with simple multiplication.

-All of these topics will be linked with coins and using coins.

The children will begin the number bonds challenge so will need to learn and recall number bonds. Look here for an example:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zww39j6/articles/zx3982p#:~:text=Number%20bonds%20a re%20pairs%20of,up%20to%20a%20certain%20number>

Computing

Over the term the children will be concentrating on using technology safely. They will understand keeping their personal information safe and not sharing online.

Please ensure your child is always supervised when online.

PSHE

Our topic is Being me. The children will identify their hopes and dreams for the year and understand their rights and responsibilities as a member of the class and school.

Spanish

The children will be introduced to Spanish this year. They will be learning basic greetings and how to count to 20 in Spanish.