



Emmanuel Primary School

Year 2 Topic Sheet

Autumn Term 2018

Topic: We are London



LITERACY - BEEGU

In Autumn I, we will be reading 'Beegu'. This is a wonderful story about an Alien crash landed on earth and her pursuit to find somewhere to fit in. The children will use this text to think about the character of Beegu and the journey she goes in the story. During this unit, the children will be learning about a range of different writing styles and will be writing their own diary entries from Beegu, character descriptions, persuasive letters, a news report and a retelling of the story. Along the way the children will learn new writing skills such as using direct speech, expanded noun phrases, writing in the present tense, using commas for a list and rhetorical questions. The children will continue to expand their vocabulary and begin to use a dictionary to aid them in their understanding of new vocabulary they meet throughout the unit.

Spelling/Phonics: In Year 2, we focus primarily on spelling. We will continue to revise the phonics graphemes taught in Year 1 as well as alternatives spelling rules and high frequency words. Children will have a weekly spelling test to consolidate their learning of these spelling rules.

Guided Reading: During Guided Reading the children will be reading in small groups. They will read a range of different genre books and focus on answering comprehension questions. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each night.

Handwriting: The children will have regular handwriting sessions where they will be learning the skills needed to join their letters so as to write confidently in cursive writing.

NUMERACY

This term we will be covering:

- Place Value of numbers up to 100- partitioning numbers and using this knowledge to aid us in solving problems.
- Addition and subtraction- adding two digit number and ones, A two digit number and tens; and Adding three one-digit numbers.
- Multiplication and Division - Begin to recognize the 2,5 and 10 times table and recall times tables facts
- Fractions - calculate the fraction of a number using division
- Geometry: recognize the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and describe them using mathematical vocabulary
- Time - telling the time to the hour, half hour and quarter hour using numerals and words

Please see our Calculation Policy on the School Website to find further details on the Year 2 Maths curriculum objectives.

SCIENCE - Uses of Everyday Materials'

This unit will teach the children more about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. Children then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. It finishes with children learning about new discoveries which have made over time with a specific focus on John McAdam. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including, discussions, debates, sequencing and a local walk where children work scientifically to identify the uses of everyday materials in the local area.

P.E

Children will have PE on a Monday morning with Mr Spadaccini.

This term, children will be focusing on Netball.

PSHE - We will share our goals and aspirations for the year ahead. Children will develop their personal and social skills through the topics of creating a happy and caring classroom and friendship.

Music

The children will have music every week on a **Monday**.

RE -Why Did Jesus Teach The Lord's Prayer As The Way To Pray?

This unit teaches the importance of prayer to Christians, and in particular, The Lord's Prayer. We will look at how this prayer is the way that Jesus taught his followers to pray to God as well as the meaning of each phrase in The Lord's Prayer: We will also look at how The Lord's Prayer is used by Christians worldwide.

ART- Landscapes and Cityscapes

In this unit children will be introduced to the work of Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh. They will compare the work of the different artists and make paintings, drawings, and mosaic art, inspired by the artists based on London.

Please could children bring into school a large old shirt/t-shirt they could wear to paint in.

TOPIC - Geography/History - 'We are London'

During this Topic, Children will learn about the geographical features of London including key London landmarks. They will learn how to read a simple map and navigate their ways around their local area and London in the wider sense before mapping out their own local area as well as London as a city. In the second half of the term we will be paying close attention to Westminster Abbey. We will be learning about its history and how it has been used for a range of different celebrations and services over the years. We will look closely at the architecture of this famous building and discuss why it is so special.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be using Microsoft Word to create fact files about a chosen London Landmark. The children will focus on their typing skills as well as learn how to change the font and add pictures.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Illness: Please ring the office first thing in the morning.

Timings: Be at school on time. School officially starts at 8:50am and this is when the register is taken. School finishes at 3:30.

Medical needs: Please keep the school updated through the year, especially if there have been any changes over the summer.

Check the weekly newsletter that is uploaded onto the school's website and check children's bags daily for any other correspondence.

CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM

- White Shirt with Emmanuel yellow and navy tie or white polo shirt with Emmanuel crest.
- Emmanuel jumper or cardigan
- Grey Trousers / Navy skirt or dress.
- Black shoes and white (g), grey (b) socks
- No jewellery
- No nail varnish
- Yellow, white or navy hair bands

PE UNIFORM

- Yellow Emmanuel T-shirt
- Navy shorts/ tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls
- Socks - No tights for PE!
- Please label all items of uniform clearly including socks and shoes.
- SEE OFFICE TO ORDER ANY UNIFORM.

SNACKS & LUNCHTIME

In KS1, fruit is available to all children during playtimes. However, you may also provide your child with a Healthy snack for play time - no crisps, chocolate or nuts. They can access water from the fountains. It is recommended they bring a water bottle to have in class. Please see the Packed Lunch Policy for more information.

IF THERE IS A CONCERN...

Children: worry box, circle time, 'Let's Talk' with Mrs Watkins.

Parents/Carers: Please arrange an appointment with the class teacher at pick up or drop off or by contacting the school office.

HOMEWORK

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due in on Tuesday however if they hand it in on Monday they will get 5 house points!

Reading for pleasure: Children should read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. Going into Year 2, this should become more independent however either the children themselves or an adult should still record the reading in the reading record. Children will be expected to change their books regularly. Please encourage your child to do so.

Spellings: Each half term, a list of all the spellings for the half term will be sent home, ready for a test each week. Children will receive stickers when they get full marks on their tests.

Maths test: During Autumn term, the children will continue with the addition facts tests they began in Year 1. From spring term, children will begin on our whole school Times Tables tests.

Maths/Literacy Homework: Alternatively Children will be given a variety of tasks to consolidate learning in class including a Maths activity online or a problem solving activity. a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar activity or a creative writing activity. As children go into Year 2, we encourage the children to become more independent with their homework tasks.