

# Milton Church of England Primary School



Year 2

Spring Term 2009

Dear Parents,

*Happy New Year!* We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term in Year Two.

In Literacy for the first half-term we are going to be studying:

- stories with familiar settings, using a short film as a starting point
- information texts, using what we know about the Great Fire of London

In the second half of term we will be revisiting these genres and looking at:

- traditional stories
- information texts using our knowledge of Jesus from RE

In Maths we are continuing to develop our mental maths strategies. This will include using number pairs, doubles and halves and continuing to learn the times tables (2's, 5's and 10's).

We are also working hard at applying our knowledge to problems. We will be solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication or division in contexts of numbers, measures, pounds and pence.



We will be learning all about Forces and Movement and Plants and Animals in the Environment in Science. Through these topics we will extend our experimental and investigative skills by:

- turning ideas into questions that can be investigated
- deciding whether a test is fair
- evaluating results

Our exciting topics this term are The Great Fire of London and the Plague. We are looking forward to our workshop day at the end of January when we will be dressing up like Stuarts and finding out about what it was like during the Fire (details to follow). We will be looking at secondary sources including pictures, paintings and Samuel Pepys' diary.





We will continue to use the laptops this term both in ICT and in other subjects. The children will be using history and science websites to find out information about our topics.

In ICT the children will be then exploring and developing visual ideas when using a graphics package. They will need to select and use simple tools (pen, brush, fill, and spray) in their mark making, and understand that work can be easily amended and ideas can be tried out without spoiling earlier versions. We will also be using a simple word processing package and focusing on entering and editing work.

In Music we will investigate how sounds are made and changed. This will involve exploring tuned and untuned instruments, and learning that instruments that make sounds in similar ways can be grouped into families.

We are keen to begin work on our model vehicles. We will be learning about wheels and axles and how to use them when making wheeled vehicles for a specific purpose. This work will draw on knowledge of forces from Science.



In Year Two PE is on a Monday and Thursday. We are working on throwing and catching accurately and how to use these skills in small-sided games situations. Gymnastics will focus on body shape and creating sequences of movements and actions.

In RE we will be focusing on Christianity, in particular the New Testament where we will find out about Jesus' Life and Times. We will also be thinking about what the parables of Jesus mean to us. After half term we will be focusing on Easter, during which we will visit the local church, All Saints.

Homework is given to the children each Thursday. This should be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday. It is also very important that the children continue to practise their reading at home. We aim to change book bags three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you for your continuing support and if you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come and speak to us after school.

Yours sincerely,

J. Mordue and A. Walker.