

London Year 2 Spring 1



Literacy



During this half term the children in Year 2 will be writing a range of texts based on London these will include non-chronological reports, settings, newspaper reports and letters. Writing is an essential skill. It is more than just putting words on paper. Writing is a process of communication that plays an important role in your child's life—both in and out of the classroom. Parents can make a big difference in helping a child develop writing skills by encouraging writing activities that are simple and fun such as sending letters, writing notes or diary entries.

We will begin to focus more on reading comprehensions during this half term. When reading with your child begin by looking for tricky words that they children might not have come across before. Talk about the meaning of the word and put it into context for the children. Good readers unconsciously create visual images in their heads while they are reading. It's all part of the comprehension process. While you are reading to your child, think out loud about the images you see or the questions that may arise. That means explaining the ideas, pictures, questions, and connections that go through your mind as you read a passage. Most of all enjoy what you and your child are reading!

Maths

It is vital that your child has rapid recall of number facts such as 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts and bonds to 10 and 20. Although the children have been working on these in class they need to be able to work out the answers quickly and against the clock. The children then need to apply these facts when working out problems.

Fun activities to do at home

Number facts

You need a 1-6 dice.

- ◆ Take turns. Roll the dice. See how quickly you can say the number to add to the number on the dice to make 10, e.g.



If you are right, you score a point.

- ◆ The first to get 10 points wins.

You can extend this activity by making the two numbers add up to 20, or 50.