



Autumn 1—2021

# Team Dolphin Newsletter

Year 1/2



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! It is so wonderful to see our school full of smiles again, and I have loved getting to know some of the new faces in Team Dolphin during our first week together, as well as welcoming back our lovely new Year 2s. I have already been so impressed with the fantastic attitude to learning demonstrated by the children. Our Christian Value this half term is “Responsibility”, where we will be focusing on taking responsibility for our choices, as well as being good role models to those around us.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Fulcher, our new KS1 Teaching Assistant who joins Team Dolphin following Mrs Gibson’s retirement at the end of last year. We are both looking forward to working with you to support your children in their learning journey.

Best Wishes,

Miss S. Kaiper , Mrs K. Fulcher and Mrs. Lee

## Home Learning

### Spellings

In Team Dolphin, children are expected to learn a number of spellings at home each week for a quiz that will take place on **Wednesdays**.

New spellings will be sent home each Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their **spelling book with them on a Wednesday** for our quiz.

### Reading

Children will receive two reading books each week: a *Read, Write, Inc.* book which consolidates learning from daily Phonics lessons; and a library book chosen by your child from the school library.

Both reading books should be brought in to change on **Mondays**.

Children should read at home with an adult at least **3 times each**

## PE

P.E. this half term will take place on **Fridays**. Your child will need to come to school in their full PE kit on this day. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and has a suitable jacket or jumper with them, in case the weather changes as the day goes on.

The school’s PE uniform policy can be found on the school website. Please make sure that any PE clothing is labelled with your child’s name, particularly sweat-shirts and jackets.

## Snack Time

If you choose to send your child to school with a snack from home, please make sure it is **labelled with their name**. This avoids confusion for the children when picking their snack from the box. Please remember that snacks should be a portion of fruit or vegetable in line with our school’s policy. Children who do not bring a snack are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable at snack time from the Government Scheme.

### School Bags

Children should arrive at school with a water bottle, snack and any books needed for the day. Large backpacks, whilst lovely, do not fit in the space for children to store them, and often end up on the floor creating a tripping hazard. Please ensure your child only brings a small bag to school for their books, water and snack.

## What are we learning this half-term?

### Topic

This term, our topic will be “London’s Burning!”. We will be learning all about life in the 1600s, comparing our lives to the lives of people in the 17th century. We will be learning about the events which took place during the Great Fire of London, alongside researching significant people from the Stuart Era. In Geography, we will be learning about the human and physical Geography of London, and comparing this to the human and physical Geography of the other capital cities of the UK.

### English

In English, we will be working closely within our topic to write for different purposes. We will begin with a unit on descriptive writing, including the use of noun phrases to help our readers “paint a picture” in their minds. Year 1 will be consolidating key skills from reception, such as the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, before moving on to noun phrases and the connectives “and” and “because”. Year 2 will be looking to improve their writing with ambitious vocabulary and varied punctuation.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about Number and Place Value. This includes Year 1 reading, writing, counting and comparing numbers up to 30 and counting in twos. The Year 2 curriculum will include reading and writing numbers in numerals and in words, partitioning numbers to identify their place value of each digit and using < and > signs to compare numbers.

### Science

In Science, our topic this term is “Animals including Humans”. We will be learning to name and locate parts of the human body, and begin to make suggestions about what some parts of the body do, as well as name the 5 senses and the part of the body they are related to; and explain how we use each of our senses.

### PSHE

Our theme in PSHE this half term is “Me and My Relationships”. We will be learning to identify feelings, and understand what can make us feel this way. We will discuss how our behaviour can affect others feelings too, and work towards building our empathy skills. We will be following the SCARF scheme by Coram Education to complete this unit.

### RE

This half term, our RE focus is “What do Christians believe God is like?” We will be using stories from the Bible to help us build a picture of the Christian belief of God as the Father, and talk about the ways Christians believe God cares for us.

### Phonics

Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to follow our successful “Read, Write, Inc” scheme for phonics. Year 1 will begin to learn their “Set 3” sounds whilst revising their “Set 2” sounds from Reception. Year 2 will revise their learning from last year in preparation to sit their Phonics Screening Check before Christmas. We will release more information about the Phonics Screening Check at the start of the next half term.