

Perry Hall Primary School



A Place to Grow

Year 2



2017

Autumn

*Curriculum
Newsletter*

English

We are going to be looking at books written by the famous children's author, Julia Donaldson, including *The Scarecrows' Wedding* and *Paper Dolls*, and writing different genres such as character descriptions, diary entries, letters, an extra chapter and a book review.

Following this we will then look at different types of writing based on our topic of *The Great Fire of London* which will include newspaper reports, letters from eye-witnesses, Samuel Pepys' diary, descriptive writing, reports and instructions.

After half-term, our focus text will be 'Where the poppies now grow' by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey where we will learn about World War One and write diary entries, newspaper reports, descriptive writing and radio-scripts.

Mathematics

We will begin the year focusing on place value, including reading and writing numbers and comparing and ordering 2 and 3-digit numbers. Once secure, we will shift our focus to number. We will learn addition and subtraction facts up to 20 and solve problems using these operations, both mentally and written. We will then study the properties of 2D shapes including pentagons, hexagons and octagons and later symmetry. Position, direction and movement will be learnt as well as interpreting and constructing tally charts and block graphs from which we will ask and answer questions about them.



Science

Science is about 'Changing Materials' including exploring the characteristics of them; natural and man-made materials; changing the shapes of materials; heating and cooling and undertaking scientific investigations. In the second half of the term, areas covered will include forces and magnets.

History:

The Great Fire of London is our topic for the first half of the term. We will learn about what happened in the Great Fire; why the fire spread so fast; why cities are safer today; Samuel Pepys' diary and other witnesses accounts; rebuilding London and using different building materials to do so. World War One will be our topic for the second half of the term.

Geography:

In Geography, we will be learning about weather throughout the seasons, and the location and characteristics of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Wolverhampton (a familiar location) will be also be studied.

D&T /Art/Music:

In Art, we will be painting pictures of the Great Fire; looking at the difference between paintings and photographs and creating our own compositions of the significant event. We will also be experimenting with charcoal. In D.T. we will research, design, and create a bridge for a toy car to travel across, evaluating it once complete. Mr Womble will be leading our music this term.

Computing:

In Computing, we will be using Digital Animator to make our own digital figure using Pivot Animator. This figure will be used in a storyboard and before presenting to the class. E-safety will also form an important part of this subject.

RE:

Our learning in RE this term is centered around Islam and the areas covered are as follows: what is a leader; a mosque and other religious places of worship in our community; sacred books and festivals and what matters to Muslims and ourselves.

P.E./Games:

Football and Dance will be our areas of focus in PE in the first half of the term, and netball and gymnastics in the second half.

PSHE:

During the whole term, PSHE will include New Beginnings, Feelings, Getting on and Falling Out and Bullying.

As part of our Social, Moral ,Spiritual and Cultural curriculum we will continue to interweave our school motto and core values into everything we do. Motto:

**Perry Hall Primary, a place to grow in
confidence, creativity and ability.**

At Perry Hall we are...

**Respectful, Caring, Determined (never give up) , Enthusiastic,
Independent, Motivated**

Helping Your Child At Home

- Spellings will be given out on a Friday which will be tested on the following Friday. Spellings are given out in small books which should be brought to school every Friday.
- Your child will be reading in class and during guided reading sessions. Please try to hear him/her read at home as often as possible and record any comments in your child's reading diary.
- Mathematics and English homework will be given out by your child's set teacher on a Friday which can be returned during the following week with the deadline for returning being the following Wednesday.

Autumn Term 2017 Dates

- **Roald Dahl Dress Up Day**—Friday 15th September
- **Parents' Evening**—Thursday 28th September
- **Perry Hall Macmillan Coffee morning** for our parents Friday 29th September 8.45—9.30 am
- **Black History Month**—October—details to follow
- **Year 1 & 2 Harvest Assembly** 2.30 pm Wednesday 11th October
- **Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly** 1.30pm Thursday 12th October
- **Year 5 & 6 Harvest Assembly** 2.30 pm Thursday 12th October
- **School Disco** Wednesday 18th October KSI 3.15 –4.15pm KS2 4.30-5.45pm
- **Diwali Activities with Parents /Carers** Thursday 19th October:
 - 10.00– 11.30 Diwali morning for AM Two's and AM Nursery .
 - 1.30 Diwali afternoon for PM Two's and Nursery
 - 2.00 Diwali afternoon whole school

Half term Break : Monday 23th October —Friday 27th October

- **Wearing Red for Remembrance** —Friday 10th November
- **Christmas performance**—dates to follow

End of term :

2's and Nursery 19th December

Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm