

# Chaffinches' Newsletter

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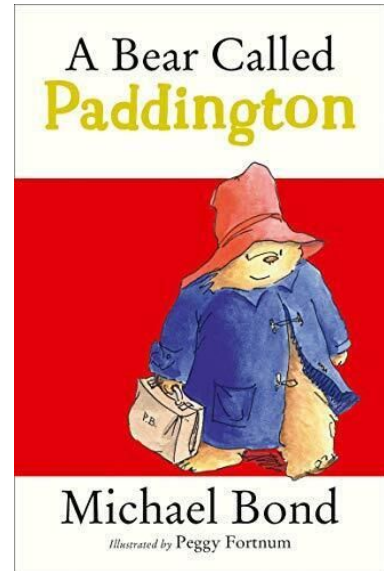
## CURRICULUM

Our learning in **History** will centre upon 'The Great Fire of London' and how it contributed and changed London to the one we know today. Our **Geography** will begin looking at the world around us, studying the continents and oceans and then as we travel with Paddington from Peru, we will settle on the UK and London, discovering its capital cities and surrounding seas. Within **Art**, we will explore tints and tones when painting as we recreate scenes from 'The Great Fire of London' and our **DT** will explore mechanisms. **RE** this term will look at 'Why light is an important symbol in Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism', and in **Computing**, we will be looking at 'IT around us' and creating 'Pictograms'. **RSE** will focus on 'What makes a happy friendship' and then move onto 'Strengths, abilities and Stereotypes'. As healthy bodies and minds continue to be a focus, we will also have our daily **mindfulness** sessions.

**PE** - The children will enjoy gymnastics activities with myself and Miss Stevenson and multi-skills with Tom. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please remember that all earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

## Autumn Term in Year 2

Welcome to Chaffinch Class. The children have already made an excellent start to their time with us, and they are quickly getting used to the new routines and expectations for Year 2. This newsletter gives you an outline of the learning we will be covering this term. Our topic, which most of our work will centre around, is called 'Paddington - From Peru to London'. We will travel with Paddington, making discoveries along the way, which will include finding out all about 'The Great Fire of London'.



As our topic is centred around Paddington and his travels to London, our class book for this term will be 'A Bear called Paddington'

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

### ENGLISH

We do weekly tasks to develop our reading, spelling, punctuation and handwriting skills. Paddington Bear will appear regularly as we look at 'Recounts' through his love for letter writing. We will also enjoy his adventures by sharing 'Stories with familiar settings', and of course we will write our own instructions on how to make the 'perfect' marmalade sandwich!

### MATHS

We will begin consolidating and developing our understanding of place value in tens and ones. We will then move onto addition and subtraction problems, and we will also cover shape within our geometry unit. In addition to our Maths lessons, we will have 'Quick Math' and 'Mastering Number' sessions, which aim to develop the children's core arithmetic skills.

### SCIENCE

Our topic is 'Everyday Materials'. We will look at properties of different materials, which will include experiments to test whether they are waterproof. We will also investigate how strong, durable, flexible, and changeable different materials are and what they are best used for. We will also look at heat resistant materials as part of our work on the 'Great Fire of London'