Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academies

Welcome



Dear families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a spooky, spectacular half term break with lots of tasty treats! We have lots of fun activities and exciting festivities for everyone to look forward to in the lead up to Christmas.



From the Year 2 team.

Important Dates



- **4.12.26 –** Christmas Craft afternoon (parent/carers invited)
- **10.12.26 –** Fundraising event – Bauble and Snow Globe Workshop
- **14.12.26 –** Year 2 Christmas Performance (9am)
- **15.12.26 –** Christmas Jumper Day & Raleigh Cinema trip
- **16.12.26 –** Raleigh Christmas Dinner
- **18.12.26 –** Christmas Parties and the last day of term

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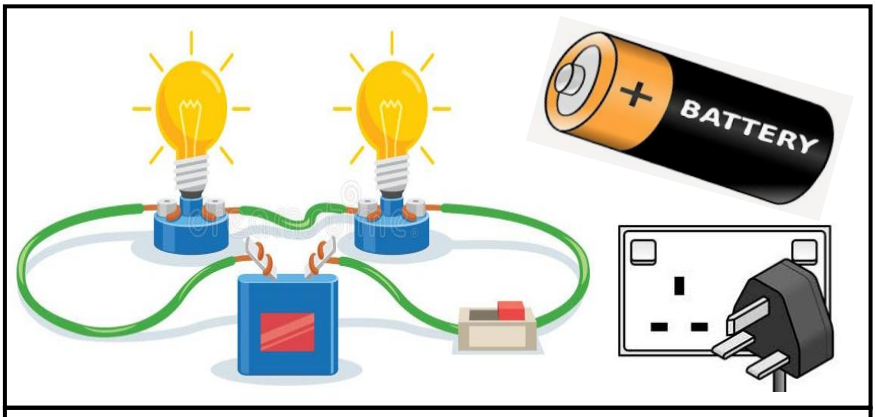


Art:

The children will develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, shape and texture. They will study the late work of Henri Matisse and use it as inspiration to recreate their own collages using organic shapes and complementary colours. The children will also explore how artists visually indicate how something feels by the shapes, marks, colours, light and shade used in the drawings of paintings.

History:

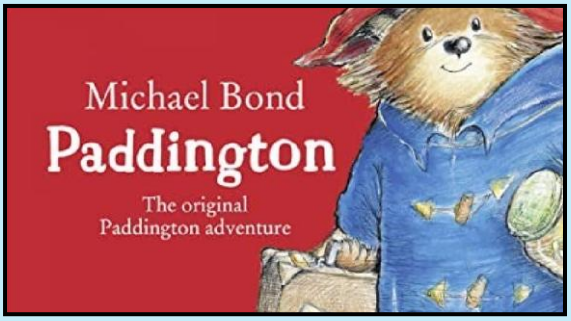
The children will be continuing their learning about the Romans. They will explore what life was like in Roman towns and find out what made them special. The children will also learn about Hadrian's Wall and how it marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. We will also think about the changes the Romans brought to Britain and how their influence can still be seen today.



Science

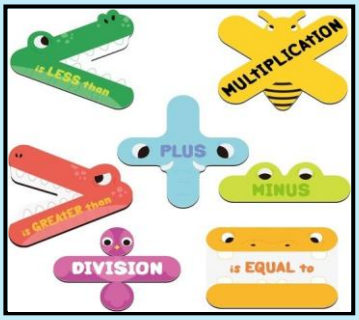
In ***Science,*** the children will be learning all about electricity and how it is used in everyday life. They will explore different electrical appliances, identify whether they use batteries or mains electricity, and learn how to use electricity safely. The children will also investigate electrical circuits, learning about the different components and symbols used before having a go at building their own circuits. They will then explore conductors and insulators, testing different materials to discover which allow electricity to pass through them.

English



In ***reading***, our class text is ***Paddington*** by Michael Bond. By the end of the term children will know that summaries can take many forms: written, notes, tables and pictures and will be able to use a sketch to summarise a section of text. They will also know that emotions can be conveyed through facial expressions and be able to infer characters' feelings through gestures and facial expressions.

Maths



Children will be exploring strategies, such as their known number facts within ten, that can be applied when adding and subtracting a single-digit number to/from a two-digit number. We will also be starting our multiplication unit where children will be learning strategies such as equal grouping to support their understanding.

Home-learning



Spellings: Set weekly, it is better to practise all week to embed in the long-term memory.

Maths: Practise 2, 5 and 10- times table to develop automaticity.

Reading: Please note in your child's reading record. Include any book that you are reading with your children. Library sessions are on Wednesdays for both classes.

- Weekly homework is set every ***Thursday*** and is due back into class on the following ***Tuesday***.

PE: **Cutty Sark & Beagle – Wednesday**

- Please ensure your child wears their PE kit (white t-shirt, black jumper/hoodie, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers).

PSHE:

We will be focusing on assumptions and stereotypes about gender, understand bullying, standing up for self and others, making new friends and celebrating difference and remaining friends.

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