

Monday 8th January to Friday 12th January

Here is an overview of some of the activities we will be doing this week.

Maths

In maths, we will start a new unit on money. We will identify and draw different coins and notes. Children will be encouraged to use the pence (p) and pounds (£) symbols correctly. We will practise adding up coins that are the same by counting up in 5s, 10s and 20s. We will then add different coins together using our addition knowledge. Finally, we will add coins together that give us an answer in pounds and pence, e.g. '**£4 and 32p**' (we do not use decimal notation in Year 2).

Handwriting and Phonics

In phonics, we will be looking at the alternative spellings of the **ear** (clear), **ere** (here) and **eer** (cheer) sound.

In handwriting, we will be doing the letters: **x** and **z**

Our 'words of the week' will be: **are**, **our** and **love**.

Children need to be able to spell these by the end of the week.

English

To coincide with our trip to Tower Bridge, we will be doing a new unit of work based on '**Iggy Peck Architect**' by Andrea Beaty. This is about a boy who designs and builds a bridge. This week, we will be doing lots of reading activities about the text. Children will make predictions about the text; they will discuss some of the vocabulary used; and they will answer comprehension and inference questions.

Topic

As we are visiting Tower Bridge, we will be continuing our 'Structures' topic for the next two weeks. In class, children will take part in a 'bridge building challenge'. They will design their own bridge and have a budget to purchase materials. They will then build the bridge, ensuring it crosses a 30cm gap and can hold a set weight. We will also discuss the structures we see on our journey to Tower Bridge.

Reminders:

Please ensure that you child brings their PE kit and a clean water bottle back in to school.

2P and **2O** will be going on their trip to **Tower Bridge on Tuesday 9th January**. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and that they bring a packed lunch and drink.