

# Year 2 Spring Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New year to you and your families!

I do hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holidays. I am looking forward to a term full of new learning experiences for your children.

This term, our topic is the Great Fire of London, which will have a history focus; exploring the events surrounding the Great Fire. This will include opportunities for the children to make comparisons between London in 1666 and 2014 and explore the fire from the perspective of Samuel Pepys. The topic will be explored throughout the curriculum with opportunities arising within English, D and T, Art, Geography, PE and History which will be the main focus of the topic. There is a 'Great Fire' workshop arranged for the children during the second week of term which will create a 'Sparkling Start' to our learning.

P.E. sessions will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The children will need their P.E. kit; consisting of shorts, t-shirt and suitable footwear. It is recommended that P.E. kits are left in school during the week as we may go out on other days and I have found it is easier for the children when they are in school for the whole week. I will endeavour to send P.E. kits home each Friday. Due to Health and Safety requirements, children with earrings are unable to participate in P.E. sessions therefore it would be very much appreciated if children could come to school without their earrings on P.E days, or alternatively, children may cover their earrings with micro pore tape or small plasters prior to their P.E. session.

Guided reading sessions will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays with planners being taken in as usual on Tuesdays and Thursdays (the latter for the Friday group). Guided reading homework will be set on Fridays to be returned on the following Wednesday with the previous week's reading book. This term there may be occasions where the Guided Reading homework is a comprehension activity to complement the children's learning in school. A My Maths homework activity will be posted online on Fridays and will be due the following Wednesday.

As always, if you do have any questions or worries that you would like to discuss with me please do drop in either before or after school, and if necessary, we will arrange a time when it will be convenient to talk things through.

I hope to make this term an enjoyable and successful one!

Yours sincerely

Miss C Street



## The Great Fire of London



**Literacy:** We will explore a mixture of fiction and non-fiction writing; including traditional stories, nonsense poems, limericks and labels.

**Maths:** The children will continue with their learning surrounding addition and subtraction, as well as progressing further with their multiplication and division. The four operations will be explored in a variety of ways using various different methods to equip the children with a tool kit to help them solve related questions; mentally wherever possible. We will also be looking at measures, money and time.

**Science:** The focus for this term will be use of everyday materials.

**R.E.:** The focus for this term will be Jesus the storyteller followed by Easter after half term.

**P.E.:** The children will be focusing on dance.

**History:** The focus for this term is the Great Fire of London.

**Geography:** There was a geography focus in last term's topic. Children will explore the location of London in relation to Alsager as well as learning about how London has changed since 1666.

**Art/DT:** We will be looking at using different textures, colours and patterns to represent fire; moving onto creating our own 1666 London houses.

**Computing:** The children will continue with their programming learning which will take a focus on debugging. Children will also use the computer to create their own representations of fire.

**Music:** This term the focus will be exploring pitch.