

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 2016 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 Monday and Wednesdays. 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 most Fridays. 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 micropore tape or small plasters prior to their P.E. session.

Guided reading sessions will continue to take place on Tuesdays but those children who usually read on a Wednesday will now read on a Thursday. This will mean that planners are now taken in on *Tuesdays or Thursdays* depending on your child's Guided Reading day. To coincide with this, the children are invited to change their basket books on either a *Tuesday* or a *Thursday*. Guided reading homework will be set on Fridays to be returned on the following Wednesday with the previous week's reading book. The first Guided Reading homework will be sent home on *Friday 15th January*. A reading book will be sent home for you to enjoy on *Friday 8th January*. 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. This will usually link to what we have been learning about in Maths that week or something I would like the children to practise. Sometimes, there will be a link to an activity or game from another website. The first My Maths activity will be posted online on *Friday 8th January*.

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 begin our learning using the book 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley to complete a variety of activities designed to help improve sentence structure. We will then move on to writing our own reviews of the workshop for the company's website followed by some imaginative fire poetry. Our learning will finish by writing our own diary entries for the Great Fire of London using the book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' to help us.

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 fractions and shape.

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.