



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025!

We hope you have had a wonderful winter break and are ready for an action packed Spring 1!



Our learning will be centred around the Great Fire of London this term.

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will learn about London in 1666 and we will compare it to today. The children will be thinking about how the Great Fire of London impacted people at that time. In addition, we will be going for a 'London Burning Walk' around the tower of London, as well as other historical landmarks.

Reading

This half term we will be reading The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerlyby as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of the Great Fire of London and the book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London. Using this text, the children will write an invitation to a play that they will perform to parents and the rest of the school. The children will then write a chronological report about the events that unfolded during the Great Fire of London. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding BOBS sentences (but, or, because, so) to their writing. For example:

Peoples' houses were pulled down, because the fire was spreading very quickly.

Please see the link below for further information linked to BOBS sentences:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/bobs-sentences-ks1-english-concept-video-t-e-1729179459>

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Mass- weighing, measuring and comparing different masses in kilograms and grams.

Temperature- Reading and estimating temperature.

Pictograms- Reading pictograms and interpreting pictograms.

To support your child further, here are some useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z493hcw>

<https://www.teacherled.com/2015/02/04/reading-scales-mass/>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Thursday 16th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 17th January Year 2 and 5 Fire Brigade visit to School

Friday 24th January Year 2 Great Fire of London Walk

Friday 7th February Family Sharing Year 2

Friday 14th February FRoG's Annual Valentines Ball



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about the dangers of fires and the things that we can do to keep ourselves safe.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Humans'. We will explore different things that humans need in order to stay safe and healthy. We will focus on areas such as; exercise, food, hygiene and teeth.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zf8jqp3>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Programming.' We will develop our understanding of algorithms. We will also learn how search engines work and compare different search engines.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and goals'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'What does it mean for a christian to belong to a church?' We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Tag-Rugby and Netball.

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursdays**.

Music

The children will be exploring rock music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Food.' The children will learn how to use language linked to healthy and unhealthy food.

Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will learn about Freestanding structures and will design and make tudor houses using different materials.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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