

# Year 2 Newsletter



## Autumn Term



We are really excited about our next topic!

Our topic this half term is:

### The Great Fire of London

In 1666, one of the most infamous disasters struck London - the Great Fire. We will be learning about Samuel Pepys, who wrote about the Great Fire of London in his diary. We will even bring the history to life by recreating the Great Fire of London in the playground! The children will set up a reconstruction of 'Pudding Lane'. They will then watch from a safe distance as the fire quickly spreads through the model buildings just as the original fire did.

Throughout the term your child will be learning lots of wonderful things in each of the different curriculum areas. Please read the Weekly Learning sign displayed outside the classroom. Below are the things that we will cover:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Writing our own diary entries from 1666</li><li>➤ Role play scenes from the Great Fire of London</li><li>➤ Report about the Great Fire of London</li><li>➤ Explanations on different materials</li><li>➤ Poetry</li><li>➤ Past, Present and Future tenses</li></ul>	<u>Numeracy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Weight - measuring using grams, reading a scale</li><li>➤ Subtraction - using numicon, dienes, own drawings</li><li>➤ Problem solving</li><li>➤ Money - using coins, make the amount in 3 different ways</li></ul>	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Materials buildings were made of at the time of the Fire of London.</li><li>➤ Natural and man-made materials and where they come from.</li><li>➤ Investigative work on materials - best for different uses</li><li>➤ Identify if things are alive, dead or have never been alive</li></ul>	
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Timeline of events</li><li>➤ Why did the fire spread?</li><li>➤ How did they stop the fire?</li><li>➤ Finding out facts from different sources</li><li>➤ Remembrance Day</li></ul>	<u>Art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Fire collages</li><li>➤ Charcoal building</li><li>➤ Mixing colours to create a fire scene</li><li>➤ Rubbings and sketches</li></ul>	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Create a piece of writing using a word bank on the computer</li><li>➤ Change the size, font and colour of text</li></ul>	<u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Diwali</li><li>➤ Why does Christmas matter to Christians?</li><li>➤ Trip to a church</li></ul>

### How to help at home:

- Visit your local library to find out interesting facts about the Great Fire of London. Bring them into school to share with the class.
- Visit The Monument to the Great Fire of London. Address: Monument Street, London OL9 6AA
- Visit websites about the Great Fire of London. Here are a few:

[www.fireoflondon.org.uk](http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk)

[www.history-for-kids.com/great-fire-of-london.html](http://www.history-for-kids.com/great-fire-of-london.html)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel\\_pepys/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/) (click on the games)

[www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1history.html#fireoflondon](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1history.html#fireoflondon)

- Remember to keep reading 4 times a week with your child and comment in their reading record. It is also equally important that you read to your children and ask them questions to confirm that they have understood the story.

### Other news:

- Remembrance Day is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be learning about it and taking part in a special assembly for Remembrance Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.  
**Poppies will be on sale in school.**
- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the children will take part in a Sponsored Spell. Sponsorship forms and sponsorship money will be due on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9-10.30am, we will be holding a FUGDE morning. All fathers, uncles, grandads, dads, everyone male are welcome to come into classes that morning. We will be holding a female version of this, called MANGO, at a later date.
- The children will take part in a workshop on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to learn about the Great Fire of London.
- Each Y2 class will showcase their learning to their parents during the year by holding a class assembly. The first assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9am will be led by Saturn class. After the assembly, Saturn class parents are invited to join their child back in their classroom for activities related to their assembly.
- Also on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a Great Fire of London Day in class. The children are allowed to come to school dressed as a famous person from the Great Fire of London. A few ideas are Samuel Pepys, the maid, the baker and King Charles II.
- Family Groups will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- The Christmas Fair is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 5-8pm.
- On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Mercury and Jupiter classes will visit the church to learn about Christmas. Venus and Saturn will visit the church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. On both days, the children will visit the church in the afternoon. We will need parent helpers for this trip, so please let your class teacher know if you are available.
- The Year 2 Christmas Show is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the Great Hall.
- The Year 2 Party Day will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children can dress up all day. Please look out for the sign on your classroom door for food and drink contributions.
- The last day of term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and school closes at 1.45pm.
- Many thanks, Year 2 team