

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term



We are really excited about our next topic.

Our topic next 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. We will post the weekly learning sign on Tapestry. Below is the learning that we will cover:

<u>Literacy</u> Writing our own diary entries from 1666 Role play scenes from the Great Fire of London Letter writing Explanations on different materials Poetry Past, Present and Future tenses	<u>Numeracy</u> Weight - measuring using grams, reading a scale Consolidation of place value - how many tens, how many ones, showing numbers in different ways Recap subtraction and addition Problem solving Money - using coins, make an amount in 3 different ways	<u>Science</u> Materials buildings were made of at the time of the Fire of London. Natural and man-made materials and where they come from. Identify if things are alive, dead or never been alive Investigative work on materials - best for different uses
<u>History</u> Timeline of events Why did the fire spread? How did they stop the fire? Changes to London Finding out facts from different sources  <u>Geography</u> London maps at the time of the Great Fire of London and now	<u>Art</u> ➤ Remembrance Day Art ➤ Develop the drawing skills of shading, shadowing and highlighting through a range of media  <u>DT</u> ➤ Making bread ➤ Sewing - blanket stitch  <u>PE</u> ➤ Dance ➤ Gymnastics  <u>Music</u> ➤ Christmas Production ➤ Playing percussion instruments as an ensemble	<u>Computing</u> ➤ Staying Safe online  <u>RE</u> ➤ Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

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.

<https://www.themonument.info/visitor-information.html>

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)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks1-ks2-the-great-fire-of-london/z4bft39>

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7d7gwx/articles/zhgxcqt>

### Tapestry and Homework

Thank you for your 'likes' and comments on Tapestry. It is great that we are able to share some of your child's learning in class with you. We are also really enjoying seeing what the children have been taking part in at home! Thank you for taking the time to share these moments with us.

### Other news:

On Monday 1st November the children will have their nasal flu immunisations.

Just a reminder that your child will take part in the Phonics Screening Check this half term due to the cancellation in June 2021. Your child's result will be shared with you in the Spring Term. If your child does not meet the expected standard they will be given support and will have the opportunity to sit the check again in June 2022.

Remembrance Day is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be learning about this special day and will take part in an assembly on Thursday 11th November. The children will take part in a 2 minute silence.

The children will take part in a London's Burning Workshop on Monday 29th November.

PTA Mufti Days - 12th and 26th November and 3rd December.

Children in Need Mufti Day - Friday 19th November. Wear spots or yellow!

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 4th December, 12-3pm.

Each class will have a Christmas Performance. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Y2 Christmas Party is on Thursday 16th December.

The last day of term is Friday 17th December. School closes at 1.45pm.

Many thanks,  
Year 2 team