

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

<u>English</u> Writing our own diary entries from 1666 Role play scenes from the Great Fire of London Persuasive letter Visual literacy Explanations on different materials Poetry Past, Present and Future tenses	<u>Maths</u> Weight - measuring using grams, reading a scale Recap subtraction and addition, inverse and missing numbers Problem solving Money - recognising coins and making an amount in 3 different ways Multiplication - 2x, 5x and 10x tables	<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>	<u>Art</u> > Remembrance Day Art > Drawing with charcoal, Artist Study - Dennis Creffield  <u>DT</u> > Making bread > Sewing - blanket stitch  <u>PE</u> > Dance > Sending and Retrieving	<u>Computing</u> > Staying Safe online  <u>RE</u> > Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

London maps at the time of the Great Fire of London and now	<u>Music</u> ➤ Christmas Production ➤ Playing percussion instruments as an ensemble	
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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:

Friday 4th November - PTA Mufti Day - bring unwanted or unused gifts for the Elfridges stall.

Friday 11th November - 9am, Parent Information Morning, Safeguarding your Child and Internet Safety

Friday 18th November - Children in Need, Mufti Day

Monday 28th November - Great Fire of London Workshop

Thursday 1st December - Nasal flu immunisations (information to follow)

Friday 9th December - PTA Mufti Day - bring homemade or shop bought cakes for the cake stall

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair

Thursday 15th December - Christmas school lunch

Friday 16th December - School closes at 1.45pm for the Christmas break

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

Many thanks,  
Year 2 team