Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2



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 this famous event and we will even bring the history to life by recreating the Great Fire of London in the playground!. Throughout the term your child will be learning lots of wonderful things in each of the different curriculum areas. Below is the learning that we will cover:

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<td>English
Writing a retell for the stories:
Too much stuff, The King's birthday suit and The Snowman.
Writing a diary entry for:
Vlad and the GFOL
Writing Instructions for:
The Snowman
Non fiction writing for the Great Fire of London.
Key skills: Using and/because, apostrophe for contraction, using ! with exciting openers and learning about commands.</td>
<td>Maths
• 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</td>
<td>Science
• 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</td>
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<td>• History
• Timeline of events
• Learn why the fire spread, how it was stopped and how it changed London
• Finding out facts from different sources
• Geography
• Physical and human features of London
• London maps at the time of the Great Fire of London and now</td>
<td colspan="2">Art
• Drawing with charcoal, Artist Study - Dennis Creffield and Stephen Wiltshire
DT
• Baking bread
• Sewing - blanket stitch
PE
• Dance
• Sending and Retrieving
Music
• Christmas Production
• Playing percussion instruments as an ensemble</td>
<td>Computing
• Taking Photographs
RE
• Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
• Advent Wreaths
• St Andrew's Day</td>
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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
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
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7d7gwx/articles/zhgxcqt

Tapestry

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 6th November 8.50- 10am- **Diwali/Multicultural morning** (PTA Non-Uniform Day)
- Tuesday 10th November: Year 2 and children from the junior school are completing a DT challenge together.
- Wednesday 11th November: The children will take part in a Remembrance Day Assembly
- Friday 13th November: Children in Need
- Friday 20th November Great Fire of London Workshop
- Friday 27th November: Managing Challenging Behaviour Workshop 9-10am Infant Hall
- Tuesday 1st December, 1.15-2.30pm: **Mercury and Jupiter**: Christmas Journey, New Malden Baptist Church. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on this trip.
- Wednesday 2nd December 9:30-10:45: **Saturn and Venus**: Christmas Journey, New Malden Baptist Church. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on this trip.
- Friday 4th December: PTA Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 4th December: PTA Christmas Fair
- Monday 14th December: Y2 Christmas Show Performances to Parents
  9.15am: Jupiter
  10am: Saturn
  11am: Venus
  2.30pm: Mercury
- Monday 14th Saturn Christmas Party day.
- Tuesday 15th Venus, Mercury and Jupiter Christmas Party day
- Thursday 17th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch Day
- Friday 18th December: School closes at 1.45pm for the Christmas break

Many thanks,
Year 2 team