

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2

We hope you all had a lovely relaxing half 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 this half term:

<u>Literacy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Timeline of events➤ Why did the fire spread?➤ How did they stop the fire?➤ Changes to London	<u>Art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Remembrance Day Art➤ J S Lowry	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Staying Safe online	<u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

➤ Finding out facts from different sources			
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How to help at home:

- Do your own research and find out some interesting facts about the Great Fire of London to share with the rest of the class.
- Visit The Monument to the Great Fire of London. Address: Monument St/Fish Street Hill, EC3R 8AH.
- 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>

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.

We would like to trial maths and spelling homework on Tapestry. After your child has completed their sentences and maths activities please take a photo and upload onto Tapestry. Spelling tests will be completed weekly on a piece of paper in class and sent home at the end of the day.

Other news:

- Just a reminder that your child will take part in the Phonics Screening Check this half term due to the cancellation in June 2020. 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 2021.
- On Thursday 5th November the children will have a Bonfire Night themed lunch.
- Remembrance Day is on Sunday 8th November. The children will be learning about this special day and each class will record a video which will be shared at our virtual assembly on Wednesday 11th November. The children will take part in the 2-minute silence in their classrooms.
- On Friday 13th the children will have their nasal flu spray immunisations.
- We will have a MUFTI Day on Friday 13th for Children in Need. More details to follow.
- Each class will have a Christmas Performance that will be recorded and shared with you.

- We do plan to have a Christmas Party for the children and will be in touch about the details for this nearer the time.
- Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 17th December.
- The last day of term is Friday 18th December.

Many thanks,
Year 2 team