



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Summer 1 2023

Topic

Our Year 2 focus this half term will be a history-based topic focussing on the Great Fire of London of 1666. Children will study the events that led up to the fire, the impact of the fire itself and the aftermath. In addition to this, they will be studying differences between how life was then compared to now.

They will also be creating their very own Tudor Houses and paintings depicting the fire focussing specifically on hot and cold colours and mixing colours in order to create a colour wheel, developing their understanding of colour and mood.

Please, if possible, could we ask that you bring in two boxes, one large and one a little smaller (shoe box size) for your child's Tudor House.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. Children complete Star Reader tests each half term and are then given a reading range from which they can choose their reading books from Accelerated Reader. We dedicate a minimum of 25 minutes a day to reading these in school alongside guided reading sessions. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. However, please encourage your child to read their book of your choosing each night for at least 20 minutes. Please write in your child's reading log so they can receive certificates and prizes. We also encourage reading for pleasure for which they can explore any reading material of their choosing and invite you to come and see our new library in the coming weeks once it is complete.

Science

In Science, our focus this term is materials.

We will focus on the properties of a range of different materials, why they are used for specific jobs and how these properties can change in different environments and conditions.



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In year, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include: Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website.

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing with shape, studying 3D shapes and their properties. We will then be moving onto studying fractions. (halves, quarters and thirds)

Children will continue to focus on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as fluency is so important.

English

In English, we will be focussing on the Great Fire of London. We will be creating our very own short narratives about a character of their choosing escaping the fire and an explanation text explaining how the events themselves unfolded across that devastating week in 1666.

Computing

This term, we will be studying Coding using Purple Mash 2Code. They will learn how to write algorithms and debug them.

They will also be completing a variety of surveys and inputting the data into 2count to create pictograms to present their findings.

P.E.

Year 2 pupils will be focussing on jumping and developing their racket and ball skills this half term.