



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Autumn 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, the effects of mixing colours, and developing their understanding of colour palettes and mood.

Please 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 where possible.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. We want children to enjoy reading. We dedicate a discrete session a day to reading in school in addition to group guided reading sessions and 1:1 sessions.

Please encourage your child to read their book each night. Children will be provided with a levelled reading book, though they can also read books of their choosing at home. If children are on phonics, we ask that they do work on these appropriately levelled books at home and return them when they've been read three times.

Please write in your child's reading log daily so they can receive certificates and prizes.

We encourage reading for pleasure so children can explore any reading material of their choosing whenever the opportunity arises and we invite you to come and see our exciting new library in school.

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



In year 2, children will be provided with weekly maths homework and weekly 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.

Spellings for each week can be found on a sheet at the back of your homework folder and a maths sheet will be added each week. We also ask that reading becomes part of your child's daily routine where possible.

Children can access Purple Mash and TT Rock Stars at home on which you can find many resources and challenges for developing knowledge in all subjects.

Maths

In maths, our main focus is place value and ensuring the children have a thorough understanding of number. Alongside this, we will be introducing children to shape, studying 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Children will continue to focus on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year. Children will be tested regularly. Any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as fluency is so important.

English

We will be focussing on primarily on grammatical elements of the English curriculum for the first half of this half term whilst introducing the children to the events that unfolded during those fateful nights in September 1666. Children will create a recount of the events at the end of term.

Children will work on class texts such as Vlad and The Great Fire and Katie in London as part of their comprehension development.

We will also be focussing on letter formations in handwriting. Should you receive handwriting in their homework folder, please support your child when completing this to ensure incorrect formation or pencil grip isn't reinforced.

Computing

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

P.E.

We ask that children come to school in their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays. We will primarily be focussing on developing their dance skills in addition to focussing on dodging and agility in their shorter PE sessions.