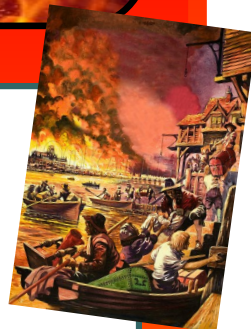


London's Burning!

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This term in History, children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about what London was like in the 1660s in order to understand how such an event took place. Children will learn where the fire started and the factors that meant it caused such colossal damage. Significant figures during this time, the aftermath of the fire and how the city was rebuilt will also be covered. We will use our topic work to further practise our reading, writing and Maths skills. We have planned to have a special theatre show to support our learning also.



In Science, we will be learning about different materials. We will use the names of different materials and describe what these materials are like. We will be working hard to find out what a range of items are made from and which materials are the most suitable for different uses.

In RE children will be learning about some of the customs in the Jewish faith, including learning about synagogues. In PSHE children will be reflecting on their achievements and setting dreams and goals for the coming weeks. In Computing, children will be looking at Questioning in order to search and present information. In Art, children will be print making.



English

In English this term, children will be writing poetry linked with their History work. They will apply all their historical knowledge and write non-chronological reports linked to the Great Fire of London. After the half term break, children will further their non-fiction writing skills. We will be writing in the past tense, using past tense verbs correctly (including many irregular verbs like put, ran and spread). Children will also learn about play scripts. We will continue to focus on making sure we think of whole sentences, one at a time to ensure our punctuation is accurate. Children will continue to have a daily phonics lesson where they will learn a new sound or spelling pattern. Spellings will be sent home weekly to learn also.

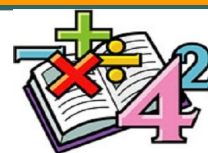


Maths

This term we will continue to work on our understanding of numbers and the number system (eg: odd and even numbers) and how numbers are made up from tens and ones.

We will be practising calculating and problem solving using our skills in addition and subtraction.

We will continue to practise counting every day, in steps of 2, 5 or 10, ready to learn multiplication and division facts for these numbers. Busy Bee Maths will focus on improving fluency and quick recall of number facts. The more practise at these simple number facts the better. Weekly home learning will be set on Mathletics.



Reading

To help your child practise their reading, listen to them read each day. Please remember to sign and date their reading record so we can keep track of how hard they are working and reward them; It is extremely difficult for us to keep track otherwise!



- S** what can you **see**?
- a** what do you **already know**?
- g** what can you **guess**?
- e** **explain** your answer

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In school, children practise their reading daily and apply their reading skills across all subjects. We following the SAGE approach to develop children's reading. This is to help children combine what they already know from a text, to make inferences about characters' actions and feelings.

When we are reading, we will ask the children what they can see (a boy, bending down) and establish what they already know from the text or pictures (his laces are undone).



These stages will help children make a good guess (What do you think he might be doing?) and will support children to explain their answers. Do try this approach when you hear your child read. If you need any advice or more information on helping your child with their reading, please get in touch.

Some practical things to note

PE

Our indoor PE sessions this term are on Tuesdays. Children will be learning dance from specialist teachers from Funk Fusion Fitness. Our outdoor PE sessions are on Wednesdays and children will be learning games involving throwing, catching, rolling and dribbling balls. Children will need to come to school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

Useful Websites for this term

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
- www.lexiacore5.com
- www.mathletics.co.uk
- www.purplemash.com
- www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/



Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 11th January**—Year 2 SATs information available online
- **Tuesday 8th February**—Internet Safety Day
- **Monday 14th-Friday 18th February**—Half term break
- **Monday 28th February**—Book Week begins
- **Monday 14th March**—Konflux Theatre Company workshop for Year 2
- **Friday 1st April**—End of term (Easter holiday begins)



Keeping in touch

I will post updates, photos, weblinks and celebrations on Class Dojo, to help you keep up-to-date on all the things that are happening in school.

This has proved to be a useful means of messaging. If you need to pass on an urgent message during the day, please contact the school office as I cannot always check the page during teaching hours. Thank you for your understanding.

