

## Class 2 Newsletter - Summer 1.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break!

Here are some of the things Class 2 will be learning this term:

Our new classroom topic is the Great Fire of London which will continue through summer term 2. This topic will extend children's historical knowledge and skills by looking at a significant event in the past.

In English, the children will be writing a recount of our trip to Durham castle and a non-chronological report about castles. One of the texts we will be using to develop writing this term will be: *Vlad and the Great Fire of London*. Vlad the flea narrates this tale about his adventure on the back of his friend, Boxtton the rat. One night in Pudding Lane they witness the start of the blaze and need to run for their lives. As they dash through the city they see the people fighting to stop the flames. We will be using this story as a stimulus for writing stories, character descriptions, describing a setting and activities that include drama and hot seating.

In maths we will revisit calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and working with 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also be applying these skills to a variety of real life problems, including breaking them down into a series of simpler steps and using reasoning skills.

In science the children will be learning about plants. They will have the opportunity to look inside seeds and bulbs and describe how they grow into mature plants. They will investigate and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Opportunities will be provided to grow plants and vegetables within the school grounds.

In history the children will learn about the *Great Fire of London* and the impact it had on London and the people living there. They will learn about Samuel Pepys and how he has become a significant person from the past.

In art children will explore the work of Vincent Van Gogh and use this as stimulus to create a scene of the fire using oil pastels. They will also use a marbling effect to create a fire scene.

Class 2's P.E. days are now a Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit back in school.

I would appreciate it if you could continue helping your child in learning their weekly spellings and listen to them read as your support is invaluable! This term is especially important for Year Two who will be working hard in the run up to their Key Stage One SATs.

If you have any concerns or questions please get in touch.

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