

The Great Fire of London



Class 2 Newsletter - Summer 2.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. This half term will be very busy as we lead up to the Summer holidays! Here are some of the things Class 2 will be learning over this half term:

Our classroom topic continues to focus on The Great Fire of London which the children are showing a very keen interest in. Our role play area is now set up as Pudding Lane Bakery during the fire of London and offers opportunities for creativity, communication, physical development and problem solving. Along with being a fun activity, it also allows children to get into character and act out real life roles and fictional performances based on what they have learnt about the Great Fire of London.

In English we are writing non-fiction in the form of letters to the fire brigade. The children are inviting them to visit school and discuss their role as a fire fighter. This will provide opportunities to use different grammatical features in writing and begin to think about writing for different purposes. We will be using the Fire of London eBook as an interactive way to develop our writing and use the five senses to create part of a story in the role of Tom an eight-year-old boy in the streets of London during the fire.

In maths we will be solving a range of problems relating to time and measurements, with a particular focus on money. Children will be asked to find change and totals using different coins; opportunities for this will be led through practical activities in the role play area. Children will also work closely practising their number bonds and times tables; this time will be spent consolidating, ready for next academic year.

In science children will be thinking about the importance of bees and learning about pollination. We will think about ways to save bees and attempt to construct a bee hotel for our school field.

In Design and Technology each child will be given the opportunity to design and construct a Tudor house for our 'Pudding Lane' re-enactment. This project will allow opportunities for writing as the children will be planning, evaluating and writing a set of instructions for their house. The children will be using recycled material to construct their houses.

In geography we will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom with a particular focus on London. The children will think about significant places, people, flags and symbols for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England. Comparisons will be made between London in 1666 and now.

Class 2's PE days are now a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit back in school. On a Friday morning we are lucky to have the opportunity to work with a football coach who will be supporting your child in team building activities and developing gross motor skills.

During the last week, we hope to walk to the farm where we will celebrate our end of year successes by having a teddy bears' picnic and ice cream (more information to be shared nearer the time).

I would appreciate it if you could continue helping your child in listening to them read and completing homework as your support is invaluable!

Thanks for reading; I appreciate your continuing support.

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