

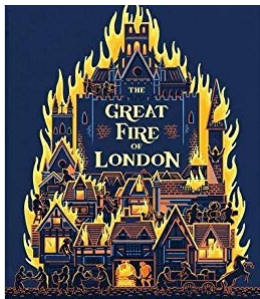


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**English**

The children will focus on many different books this term when learning more about the Fire of London. We will look at a range of non-fiction books and stories about the fire of London. They will use the internet to research this topic more so that we can write a diary entry about the fire. It is a very busy term where English and History will be heavily linked.

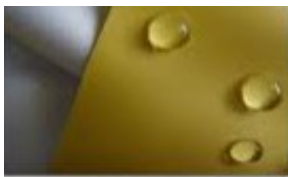


In addition to this, children will continue to have regular phonics/spelling lessons and reading sessions. We will also have regular handwriting sessions to master skill in cursive handwriting



**Science**

This term our topic is: Materials. We will be looking at absorbency and waterproofing of hard and soft materials and conducting a range of investigations.



**Happy New Year!**

**We hope you had a lovely Christmas**



This term Year 2 will be learning about The Great Fire of London and firefighters. If anyone is a firefighter, or knows anyone who can come in, we would love a visit from them! Please get in touch.

Spring 1:  
**London's Burning!**



**Weekly schedules:**

**PE is on a Thursday and Friday.**

**Golden Time is on a Friday.**

**Library is on a Wednesday.**

**Reading books will be collected in on a Friday and new books given on a Monday.**

**Show and Tell Timetable**

**6/1/23 – Ascott**

**13/1/23 – Claydon**

**20/1/23 – Hartwell**

**27/1/23 – Mentmore**

**3/2/23 – Ascott**

**10/2/23 – Claydon**

**Mathematics**

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will then progress onto developing our knowledge and understanding of multiplying and dividing. This will involve building on knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. If this is something your child struggles with, please practise this at home to support their learning.

We will continue to have weekly basic skills sessions, practising skills that are important in their mathematical knowledge. For example, number bonds/pairs of numbers that make 10.

**PE**



We will be working on our gymnastic skills throughout the whole of the Spring term, learning different types of rolls and moves. We will also be doing some work on Dance.

**RE**

We will be learning more about the Jewish faith, respecting God and look at Jewish traditions of Passover.



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**History**

This term we will be focussing particularly on the fire service and how it has developed since the Great Fire of London.



We will learn about how it started and why it spread so quickly. We will also learn about Samuel Pepys and his diary and how London changed as a result of the fire. You may want to take a look at the museum of London online [www.museumoflondon.org.uk/](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/) or the monument of the Great Fire of London [www.themonument.info/](http://www.themonument.info/). Both of which would be great to visit .

**Music**

Children are introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practice identifying these within a piece of music.

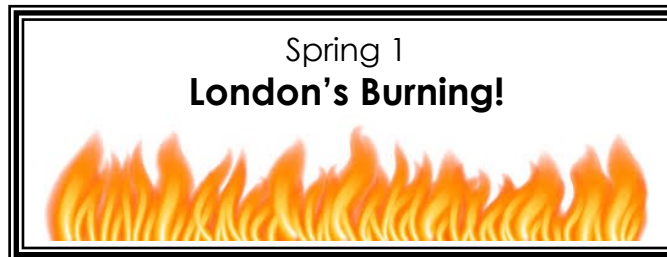
**Computing**

We will be working in the Paint Program exploring some of the templates and functions alongside learning about artists (Monet, Mondrian and Seurat) and art movements.



**Art/D.T.**

We will be experimenting with colour when making fire pictures. In DT we will be making houses as we investigate what houses looked like in 1666.

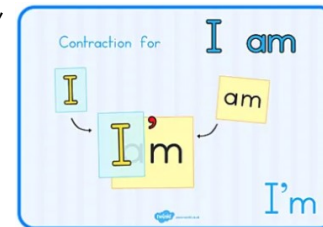


**PSHE - Dreams and Goals**

Children will look at how they can set themselves challenges in order to succeed.

**Phonics and Spelling**

We will continue to investigate the different ways to spell Phase 5 sounds. We will also move to focus more on spelling. We will be looking at suffixes: -le, -il, -al. and contractions where we will look more at the use of the apostrophe.



**How you can support your child at home**

**Reading:** Regular reading is really important to help them progress, especially in their understanding. Children need to make sure they bring their books in as they are checked daily.

Books are updated on Bug Club every Friday. Please continue to support our new reading scheme by reading the book with the owl sticker on it more than once. This will help with fluency and expression.

**Spelling:**

The children will have regular spelling sessions in school and use a variety of different strategies to practise these. Regular practise of the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words would be extremely beneficial. These words have been sent home.

**Maths:** Please continue to learn number bonds: pairs of numbers that make 10/20/100. Being able to count in 2s 5s and 10s will help with the work we are doing in Maths this term and lead on to times tables.

**Important Dates:**

**Mon 23rd Jan** - Sports event at Sir Henry Floyd School, Aylesbury (morning only)

**Thurs 26th Jan** - Trip to Science Oxford