



Waddesdon Village Primary School

Pathway to Excellence

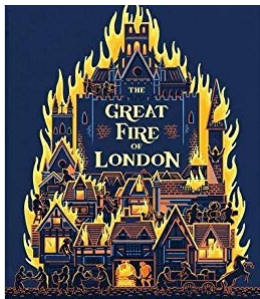
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2021



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 newspaper report and diary entry about the fire after our experience day. We will also be doing some poetry work and creating our own version of a poem linking it to our history topic. 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.

Science

This term we are continuing our topic 'Materials'. We will be looking at a range of different materials and conducting investigations.



Welcome back. I hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for a busy, exciting term full of fantastic learning opportunities. This half term we will be continuing to learn about Heroes but our focus will be on the theme of Fire.



Weekly schedules:
PE is on a Friday.

Golden Time is on a Friday.

This term, reading books will be changed **on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. As we are now changing books 3 times a week your child will only be coming home with one book at a time. Bug Club books will be allocated on a Friday.

Please ensure your child's reading record is sent into school every day. This enables us to record any reading completed in school.

Mathematics

There will be a large focus on linking our learning this term, building on and using all the things we have previously done. Last term we began work on adding and we will continue with this, also looking at subtracting. We will add and subtract two two-digit numbers using the tens and ones rods to help with this to begin with so they will be using their knowledge of tens and ones in numbers. We will build on our knowledge of pairs to 10 to help us to work out pairs to 20 and 100.

ADDITION		SUBTRACTION	
add	+	increase	take away
plus		more	minus
and		sum	less
total		together	reduce
			take from
			fewer
			take
			difference
			remain
			how many more

PE

This half term we will be practising Yoga and Gymnastics. We will be practising basic movement skills and following simple movement patterns.

RE

We will be revisiting the Christmas story and looking at how Christianity celebrates the birth of Jesus.



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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/ or the monument of the Great Fire of London www.themonument.info/. Both of which would be great to visit in the future when safe to do so.

Music

We will be practising and performing the songs for our Christmas Production 'A King is born'.

Computing

We will continue to work on creating pictures on the iPads learning about artists such as Monet and Seurat and the art techniques they used to create pictures of our own. As we will be using the internet a lot this term we will be learning about how to safely communicate and search online.



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Fire! Fire!



Art/D.T.

We will be continuing our work on colour making fire pictures. In DT we will be making houses as we investigate what houses looked like in 1666. **If you**



have any spare cereal boxes to donate, could they please sent into school with your child? Many thanks.

PSHE

We will be celebrating differences and similarities and working together when learning and playing.



Phonics and Spelling

We will continue to investigate the different ways to spell Phase 5 sounds. We will also be looking at words that end in -dge and -ge; words that start with kn and gn; and the 's' sound written as 'c' (as in ice).

How you can support your child at home:

Reading: Please continue to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience. When the children come in in a morning they put their reading book in their guided reading box. This means that when we read with them we can record it in their books.

Spelling: Whilst there are no formal spelling tests. Please support your child's learning at home by practising spelling words on the Year Two spelling word list; available on the school website, on the C2 page. Please practise spelling these words using the strategies taught in school. These strategies are available for you to view on the C2 page of the school website.

Important Dates:

10th Nov at 2:30pm - KS1 Open afternoon

15th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

24th and 25th Nov - Parents evening

17th Dec - End of term

We will have a 'Fire of London day ' in school. A date will follow.