

Year 1/2 ~ Autumn Newsletter 2019

Hello and welcome back, after what we hope was a lovely Summer break! We are looking forward to this term and making learning as fun and enjoyable for the children as we can.

Our topic for this term is 'Fire'. We will be exploring different aspects of fire including: Dragons, Great Fire of London and celebrations including Diwali and Bonfire night. Our school trip this term will take us to St.Paul's Cathedral where the children will learn more about the effects of the Great Fire of London.

If you are DBS checked and are able to come and help us in the school day or on our trip, please come and let us know.

Topic Ideas

- * Looking at dragons. This will include Fairy Tales with dragons in and also using descriptive language to describe them and acting out some stories.
- * Exploring different materials in Science. We will look at which materials burn easily.
- * The effects of the Great Fire of London and the events that led up to this disaster.
- * In Geography, looking at the seasonal changes.
- * Researching different celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire night, Harvest Festival and Christmas.
- * Getting to know our peers through drama.

Literacy

- * The Little Dragon story- this will help us to learn the elements of story.
- * Using drama and role play to support our writing.
- * Children to write diary entries on the events of the Great Fire of London.
- * Thinking about word classes (verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs)
- * Sentence types (commands, questions, exclamatory & statements)
- Y2: * Using conjunctions to make complex and compound sentences.

Maths

- * Place Value
- * 2D shapes
- * Fractions
- * Statistics (Graphs and Tallies)
- * Time
- * Addition & Subtraction
- * Positional language
- * Multiplication & Division

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 4th September - INSET day, school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th September - First day of school
Wednesday 11th September - Year 1 and 2 'Meet the Teacher', 5-6pm, in the school hall
Monday 30th September- Fire service in school for a workshop.
Friday 11th October - PTA Disco
Tuesday 15th October- Year 1 and 2 Harvest festival, 9.15am, St Pauls Church
Monday 21st October- Year 1 and 2 inter-house Football in school
Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening, 3.30-6pm
Thursday 24th October - Parents Evening, 4-7pm
26th October - 3rd November - Half term
Tuesday 12th November- Drama workshops in school for years 1 and 2
Friday 15th November- Children in Need
Monday 18th November - Non uniform day, PTA tombola
Tuesday 19th November - Individual and family photos
Friday 22nd November - PTA Winter Fair
Monday 25th November - INSET day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 10th December - Nativity, 1.30pm
Wednesday 11th December - Nativity, 1.30pm
Thursday 12th December - Flu vaccinations
Friday 20th December - Christmas jumper day and last day of term

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural)

As we start the new school year the children will be participating in lots of activities and circle times around growing up and the changes they go through in their life.

Within our British values lessons we will be thinking about what makes us unique and special. We will be focussing on what makes us different and that this is ok.

Creative & Physical Development

In *Music*, children will be exploring sounds, pitch and tempo using the musical instruments and the Boom Whackers. They will be learning and practising songs for the Harvest festival and also our Nativity.

This term, we will start our games unit. Within this the children will learn how to play Football. This will incorporate all the ball skills they were taught last year and will prepare them for our KS1 Inter-House Football event which will be held later on in the term.

In *Art* we will be creating self-portraits using paint. As part of our topic we will be creating paper house models to represent the buildings that burnt down in the Great Fire of London. We might even have the opportunity to burn the houses down to show the children how quickly the fire spread.

ICT

In *ICT* this term, we are learning basic computer skills e.g. logging on/off the computer, type in upper and lower case letters and how to draw on 'Paint'. We will use the new iPads to research the Great Fire of London and will use apps to help us with our learning.

Geography

In *Geography*, we will be looking at the different seasons and looking at our environment as it changes. Within this we will be going on a welly walk to use our senses and explore. As part of our *Geography* lessons we will also be looking at the continents and the oceans around the world. We will also be researching our local community and thinking about the things we have around us eg. Bus stops, shops etc.

As part of Forest Schools the children will be learning all about the local environment as they explore the flora and fauna in Pamber Forest.

Reminders

Snacks/Drinks - Children are provided with fruit and vegetables from the Government. Please send your children into school with a named water bottle.

Homework - Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and is due in the **Thursday** afterwards. Please support your children in understanding what their homework is.

PE - Children should have their PE kits in school all week. PE is on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that girls have spare socks for PE if they come to school in tights. Earrings **must** be removed or covered with medical tape and hair needs to be tied back in order to keep the children safe. In the winter months, please ensure children have warm clothes to wear for PE.

Reading - Please read with your children as much as you can. (We know you have busy lives and this isn't always possible.) Reading regularly is so important in helping the children progress.

Help In School - Any help in school with listening to readers, arts and craft activities and school trips would be greatly appreciated. If you can give us any of your time, please pop in and have a chat with us. Thank you in advance! ☺

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in advance. If you have any questions, please come and speak to us! ☺