

Class 2's Learning Letter

Welcome back to our second half of the Autumn Term. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these uncertain times. Our topic this half term is 'Flickering Fire' and is all about The Great Fire of London. The knowledge, skills and opportunities for learning that your child will experience through this topic are set out below. Alongside this, we will continue to participate in daily phonics, reading and PHSE sessions that support this learning. Thank you for all your support at home.

Mrs Gastall & Miss Anderson



English

This half term we will be covering different areas of Literacy:

- Reading and analysing the story Zog by Julia Donaldson
- Poetry - The Great Fire of London poem by Paul Perro
- Non-fiction

Starting this topic, we will read the endearing story of 'Zog' who always tries his best and wants to win a golden star. We will have lots of discussion around the characters, events and new vocabulary in the story. Then we will innovate the story with our own ideas culminating in us writing our own story based on the original. Next we will look at a poem on the Great Fire of London. We will discuss the meaning of words from the poem (e.g. billowed, glowed) and explore verbs with -ed endings such as sparked, flashed, burned, cracked, flickered etc. To end this topic, we will make information books about The Great Fire of London.

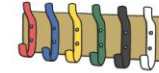
Maths

This half term we will be focusing on several areas of Numeracy:

- Addition & Subtraction
- Geometry (Shape)
- Place Value
- Measurement (Money)
- Multiplication / Division Year 2

There will be lots of opportunities to explore these concepts through practical activities where children will use concrete objects and pictures to help their understanding. Using these methods will also support the children as they reason and solve mathematical problems.





Key learning in History

Through looking at the The Great Fire of London, we will begin to have a knowledge and understanding of the past. We will explore and talk about the similarities and differences between past and present (e.g. London's 1666 houses and people, and their modern equivalent). We will place a few events and objects in order by using common phrases to show the passing of time: (old, new/young, days and months, before, after, a long time ago, past). The children will find out about what happened to London during the Great Fire and why the fire spread so quickly.

Key learning in Design & Technology

We will look at different moving books and pictures and the children will investigate how they have been made. They will then think about what could we make, what is it for and who is going to use it? The children will then design and make their own picture with moving parts. Finally, they will evaluate their picture and say what they like and do not like about their product and why.

Key Learning in Music

We will be looking at the history of music and listening to Royal Fireworks by George Frideric Handel, Chariots of Fire by Vangelis, Firework by Katy Perry.

Please bring your child's reading book in their book bag on Wednesdays as the books will be changed on this day. It is important that you hear your child read at least a couple of pages from their book on a daily basis. It is beneficial for your child to reread their book over the week so that they are confident in reading it when it is returned to school. Your child can also read books from home to develop their reading. Spellings for the next half term will be sent home this week. Each Friday, your child will be tested on that week's spellings. Please could you look at the spellings at home with your child and encourage them to practise them independently. Providing opportunities for your child to practise their spellings on Spelling Shed will also help them greatly.

Alongside myself and Miss Anderson, we will have other members of staff helping at different times in the classroom. Mrs Roberts will be teaching PE on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Brodie and Mr Fisher will be supporting the children through activities such as phonics, ICT and small group work at different times in the week.

RE
This half term our RE unit is Christianity. We will be looking at the Christian teachings of how Jesus is a gift from God and we will learn about the Christmas story. Our Christian value for this half term is 'Peace' and we will look at this through our Class Worship.

PE
Lessons continue to be on a **Wednesday morning**. Due to the current situation, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate clothes for PE. Please make sure they are dressed to go outside and for the colder weather.

