



Fire Fire!

Creative Curriculum

This half term the children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London; how it started, how it spread, who was affected etc. The children will have the opportunity to visit our Forest School to sit around a real fire and sing songs. As the fire started in a bakery the children will be following instructions to bake their own bread. We will also be looking at the diary of Samuel Pepys, who was alive at the time of the fire. To support this a Samuel Pepys actor will be coming into school on Friday 25th January to work with the children. A letter with more details about this will follow soon. We will also be looking at old and new fire fighting equipment and fire safety. The children will get chance to do some Great Fire artwork too. We are going to make our own version of London in 1666 so please start sending in any spare shoe boxes/large cereal boxes or similar to help us with this. As a finale to our topic we will have our own Great Fire, burning the models the children have made to see how the fire spread and the damage it caused.

Phonics

Thank you for your help and support with the new phonic reading books. Your child should bring home a new book every Tuesday, please continue to support your child by reading this at home with them and sending the book back in their folder every day. We have noticed a marked improvement in the reading ability and confidence as a result of the new reading scheme as children have chance to support each other as they read. There are many activities in the books—please allow your child to show off to you by reading the sounds and stories and answering the comprehension questions.

Reading

Your child is given 3 new books for the week on a Monday, please read these during the week and write any comments you have in their reading record books. Please could children who have a large rucksack that will not fit into their drawer be provided with a folder or small bag that they can keep their reading books in. This makes it much easier for us to change their books, which is a very time consuming task.

Can book bags still be sent to school every day so children can use them to carry home notes etc.

Spelling

Your child should still be bringing home a handwriting practice sheet and spelling book every week, please make sure your child fills in the sheet and learns their spellings, they will be tested on a random 5 of these spellings.

We will be learning the following things in Literacy and Maths:

Literacy

- Following and writing instructions,
- Writing diary entries,
- Writing vivid setting descriptions.

Maths

Year 2

Column addition and subtraction, mental calculation methods, word problems and multiplication (children need to know the 2,3,5 and 10 x tables by heart)

Year 1

Names and properties of shapes, addition and subtraction word problems, learn by heart 2x, 5x, 10x tables facts.

Please send a water bottle for your child so they can have access to water during every lesson. We will remind your children to bring their bottles home to make sure they are cleaned and refilled.

Children in KS1 have had great fun sending and receiving letters and Christmas cards with their penpals from Saint Vincent School in Brest, France. We will be exchanging more letters etc throughout the year.

Toys

The children love bringing in a toy from home to play with at play time but please can you help us by making sure your child only brings one toy and that it is something small that will fit into their tray. Please don't let children bring anything precious or expensive as we have had considerable upset when things get lost or broken.

PE

You should have received a letter with the dates your child will have PE on a Thursday. On their PE days can children please come in black or white trainers, black/grey jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and their jade cardigan or jumper.

Safety Seymour

Your child will be bringing home Safety Seymour to look after for a few nights this half term. There is information in the pack to explain all about it and an activity for your child to complete and bring back to school to show.

Thankyou, KS1 Staff