

YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2024

Fire! Fire! (6 weeks)



Our Fire! Fire! topic begins with the children learning about The Great Plague, which happened just before the Great Fire of London, and how this affected the people in London. The children will then learn about The Great Fire of London itself during literacy, history and a drama session with Natalie Green, who has a diploma in Performing Arts Teaching. The children learn how the fire started and how it spread so quickly. In art, the children will create silhouettes depicting The Great Fire of London, using a variety of materials and techniques. We will also learn how to make basic bread using techniques from the past, which we hope you will have the chance to try at our Fire! Fire! Exhibition. In science, the children will learn what makes a healthy lifestyle and the importance of exercise, hygiene and having a balanced diet. In computing, the children will make a longer sequence of code and test some premade codes to identify errors. This half term's maths focus will be fractions, time and statistics, where the children will interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. Lastly, the children will have the chance to share all of their learning with you at our end of topic exhibition on Thursday 28th March 2024.

Focus Author

This half term, we will be reading and discussing books and stories written by the author, **Malorie Blackman**.

Home Learning

Our home learning this half term is to create a vision of The Great Fire of London in any representation. For example, you could draw or paint a picture of the Great Fire or create a stained-glass window or collage involving 'fire' using 'flame' colours. can't wait for you to share your piece!

Please bring home learning into school by **Monday 18th March 2024**.

Supporting at Home

We are so incredibly proud of the children and the hard work that they are putting into their learning. We know that this is due to the partnership we have formed with you as parents and carers. Please continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week and continue to complete the weekly home learning challenges. If you're unsure about how to support your child with their learning at home, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be more than willing to help and support you.

Diary Dates

Last day to hand in your FOAA Smarties tube of coins – Friday 23rd February

Fire, Fire drama day - Thursday 29th February

Fraser Photography (class photo) – Friday 1st March

Fire safety lesson – Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day (dress up as a book character) – Thursday 7th March

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

Book Fair – Wednesday 20th – Monday 25th March

FOAA Easter Event: meet the Easter Bunny – Tuesday 26th March

Easter Treats Day – Wednesday 27th March

Fire, Fire Exhibition – Thursday 28th March

Reports are sent home – Thursday 28th March

Bank Holiday – Friday 29th March

PE – Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

In PE this half term, the children will be learning a number of counter balances with a partner in gymnastics. They will then integrate these, using a range of rolls, to create their own routine.

In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This term, we are focusing on using rackets, returning, catching and throwing skills during the 'Net and Wall' section.

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Giraffes: Monday and Thursday

Zebras: Wednesday and Thursday

Meerkats: Monday and Tuesday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to take part in some aspects of these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied back, that their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will be sent home half termly to be washed.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn about what they need to do to keep their mind healthy and know that they will feel better if they have a healthy balanced diet.

New Trick to learn this half term: Big No!



Religion and Worldviews

In our RWV lessons, the children will learn about the Easter story and that most Christians believe Jesus' resurrection meant the forgiveness of sins.

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continuous support,

Teaching Staff – Year Two

Mr Walters, Mr Baumber, Miss Davies and Miss Clark

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Mrs Bailey, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Luffman, Mrs Watt, Mrs Cross, Miss Lewis, Miss Wells, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Mannering