

# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



## Spring Term 2025

### 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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

# 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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Great Fire of London Drama Day

WC Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Book Week (with the book fair in school from the Tuesday)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – PTA Wonderliscious chocolate bars being sold after school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Reports sent home

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Fraser photography (class photos)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Non-uniform day for Route to Roots

WC Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Ten years of RR week

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – PTA Easter Event: Meet the Easter Bunny

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – TEACH ten year anniversary celebrations

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Fire! Fire! Exhibition

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Treats Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last school day before Easter Holiday

## 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: Monday 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, Miss Phillips, Miss Clark and Miss Davies