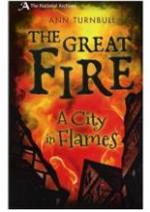


Class 1 Newsletter

Summer 1 2018



Topic

This half term our book will be 'The Great Fire: A City in Flames' by Ann Turnball. Within this topic we will be exploring the themes of 'change', 'friendship' and 'tragedy/loss', using both the context of the book and the children's own experiences. In a slightly different approach to previous topics, the book runs alongside our learning rather than leading our topic. We will be learning all about London and comparing the city then to now. We will find out about the timeline of the fire and the reasons behind it starting, making models of a Tudor village to understand this further. We will learn about Samuel Pepys and other key figures of the time. We will also be doing some artwork with Mrs. Holden to complement our topic.

Reading

Our Read Write Inc. and spelling programmes are continuing to work well, with children making great progress in both reading and writing. Children are learning and recapping lots of different sounds and spelling rules and we are really focusing on these being applied to their writing.

The children seem to be enjoying choosing their own books to take home and enjoy; they can also read books from home if they prefer, but these should be brought into school daily. They are also enjoying the Read Write Inc. storybooks as these are accessible to their reading level. These books must be back in school on a **Thursday** and a new one will be sent home on a **Friday**

Writing

Although much of our reading and writing will be done through Read Write Inc., the children will have opportunities to write for different purposes and in different contexts, including more creative 'Big Write' sessions.

We will also do lots of writing within our topic work. The Great Fire of London lends itself well to descriptions, recounts, diaries and newspaper reports.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) work will be covered through the phonics and spelling programmes.

R.E

Our unit of work in RE this half term will be 'ideas about God'. Children will explore some of the big and puzzling questions around the idea of God. They will have opportunities to study Christian and Hindu ideas about God and express their own ideas about God.

Our Christian value is friendship, which we will link to our SEAL topic.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework should be brought in on a **Thursday** and will be returned on **Friday**. Homework brought in late won't be marked until the following week.

Year 2 children need to complete both their maths sheet and a task from the menu of activities.

Maths

As the children are now confident using different methods to solve calculations, we will be focusing this term on problem solving, including two-step problems, and reasoning as it's important the children can apply the methods to different contexts.

This half term we will learn all about length height and weight and will be measuring, comparing and solving problems around length and weight.

We will also spend time recapping previous topics, starting with shape.

Forest School and Cooking

For this half term, only Year 1 will have forest school and cooking sessions on a Wednesday afternoon; the children will alternate between each activity.

The Year 2 children will work with Miss Schofield to complete focused activities within the Year 2 curriculum.

Junk Modelling

We are hoping to make a Tudor village towards the end of this half term to demonstrate how quickly The Great Fire of London spread.

Any cardboard boxes/tubes would be greatly received!