

Year 2 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 2 over this half term.

TOPIC – FIRE, FIRE!

RE and the Humanities

The children will be learning many facts about the Great Fire of London.

The life of Samuel Pepys will be studied and the children will be writing their own diary entries.

We will be looking the differences between life in Tudor/Stuart England and life today. This will include research into building techniques to enable the children to understand why the fire was able to spread so quickly.

In Computing, children will be learning how to import and manipulate images into documents.

In RE, we will obviously be learning about Easter and the Resurrection.

There will be an Easter Service at church on Thursday 4th April 9:45am.

Year 2 children will hopefully be visiting the Fire Station in Baldock to learn about fire safety and modern day fire fighting (Date to be confirmed)

As the weather improves, we will be looking at plants and the conditions for germination and growth.

Physical Education

Jupiter will be having Rugby with Mr Sell on Thursdays and Saturn will be learning Dance on Wednesdays. Both classes will be continuing with gymnastics on a Friday.

PSHE

The topic for this half term is 'It's Good to be Me' where the children will be learning to recognise their own achievements.

Mathematics

This term we will continue to practise using all four operations - adding, take-away, dividing and multiplication. We will also be learning how to use these skills when dealing with money or word problems.

We will be looking at doubling and halving 2-digit numbers. This will lead on to dividing and having remainders.

We have spent a lot of time practising to read clocks. *Please could you help your child with this skill - it needs constant practise.*



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Literacy

This term we will focus on recount writing. They will start with our Topic on The Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys. We will also be looking at instruction writing and learning about different types of sentences - statements, commands, questions and exclamations. Phonics will continue with an emphasis on grammar, spelling and adding suffixes to words. The role play area is a Fire Station where children can play, talk, write and act out different rescue scenarios.

The Arts

•The children will be working in groups to research and make their own replica of a Tudor House from junk modelling materials. The children will embellish them before we then recreate London in 1666 for a 'heated finale' to the topic.

•In music we will be learning singing and performance skills. We will base our work on the song 'London's Burning' to produce rounds with different dynamics for each section.