

YEAR 1 NEWS

The Great Fire of London

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great break.

Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London', we will be learning about this historical event and investigating what caused the fire, and the factors that made it spread so quickly across London.

English

This term we will be reading 'Nibbles the book monster'. We will be learning to predict what will happen in the stories, look at the meaning of words used and begin to use conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to extend our sentences. In this term, we will be writing lists, diaries and recounts as well as exploring the characters of a story. We will also be reading 'The truth about Yeticorns' as a class novel.

Maths

Within maths, we will be continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme. The children are really enjoying learning with this scheme. We will be exploring addition and subtraction within 20 using a range of different strategies to calculate answers. The children will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes and begin to identify numbers to 50, counting to 50 in 2s and 5s.

Science

This term we will be continuing to explore the properties of materials. We will be carrying out experiments to test the properties of the materials and exploring scientists.

History

The Gun Powder Plot and The Great Fire of London

This term we will begin learning about the historical event behind the 'Bonfire Night' celebration that we celebrate on the 5th November: The Gunpowder Plot. We will learn in detail the events that took place in the fire of London and look at why the fire started and the factors that made it spread so quickly.

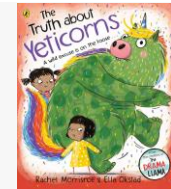
Art

This term the children will be exploring the difference between light and dark. We will be learning about the techniques used by the artists Andy Warhol and Artemisia Gentileschi to create starry night skies.



Computing

We will be learning about how to use passwords to login to Purple Mash and other sites and apps we use in school. We will also be learning the importance of keeping passwords safe.



Our class read will be:
'The truth about Yeticorns'.

PE – team building and fitness

PE is a very important part of the curriculum. Not only do children become healthier, but it also allows them to develop their teamwork skills. PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school on their PE days.

PE kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black/navy/grey shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers

Reading

We aim to hear your child read on a weekly basis within school. Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make the time to read 20 minutes each night with your child. There are lots of books on Oxford Owl or Get Epic!

Phonics

This term the children will be continuing to learn the Phase 3 Phonics graphemes and practising identifying them within words by blending the sounds together.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please contact me on Class Dojo.

Mr Battersby, Mrs Potter and Miss Thomas