

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1

Journeying together with God



Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting New Year.

We begin this half term with our new topic 'London's Burning'.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for Spring 1.

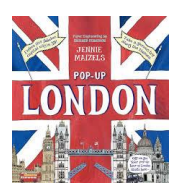
Although it is the shortest half term, we will certainly be fitting in lots of new learning.



THEME AND BIG QUESTION

London's Burning

Was The Great Fire of London really a disaster?



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...

PEACE



KEY DATES



2KJ Class Collective Worship – Friday 19th January
Science Day – Friday 2nd February

Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days, and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too!




Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day and filled with water only.

ENGLISH



The children will continue to use a range of fiction and non-fiction texts as a writing stimulus. They will continue to develop the use of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions in their writing. They will write a diary entry based on the story 'Katie in London'. The children will be expected to write using their best handwriting every time they write.

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say it	sound it out	write it	capital letters	finger spaces	full stops

MATHS



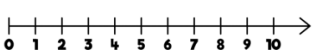
We will start our new maths topic of shape which includes, recognising 2D and 3D shapes, counting sides and vertices of shapes, and finding lines of symmetry.



They will then move onto recognising coins and notes and counting money to find a total.



We will also begin to look at new methods for multiplication and division.



COMPUTING

The children will be exploring 'creating pictures' on Purple Mash. They will look at a variety of artists and styles and create their own pictures in those styles.



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SCIENCE



What material would make the best bucket?

In science we will be finding out about the importance of picking the correct material to make objects.



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Islam

Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

The children learn what the basic beliefs of Muslims are, learn how stories are important in the Islam religion, explore the 5 pillars of Islam and learn how Muslims pray.

PSHE



Drugs, alcohol and tobacco - Medicines and me

The children will learn about why we might need to take medicines, where adults can get medicines from and how to keep themselves safe around medicines. We will look specifically at medicines used to treat medical conditions such as asthma.

ART



Craft and Design: Woven Wonders!

The children will learn and practise a range of skills including choosing, measuring, arranging and fixing materials. They will explore plaiting, threading and knotting techniques and learn how to weave. They will combine these techniques to create a piece of woven artwork.

PE



PE days for both classes – Monday and Thursday

- There will be two PE lessons per week so please ensure PE kits are in for those days and are fully named.
- This half term we will be focusing on ball skills (feet) and ball skills (bats and balls).



HISTORY



Was the Great Fire of London really a disaster?

The children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. They will learn about when the fire started, where the fire began and how the fire started. They will read from Samuel Pepys diary and find out how people tried to put the fire out. The children will also learn about how things changed in London afterwards as a result of the fire.



HOME LEARNING



- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child every day, for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**

There will be a balance of English, maths and theme work throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION



- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly for important updates and letters.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y2 and school.



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