

Dear parents and carers,

Our topic for this term is the great fire of London, and as usual this will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be looking at what London was like before the fire, and how this contributed to events; how the fire started and spread; and the legacy which has shaped the London we know today. We will be looking at the difference between primary and secondary sources. English will see us investigating diary writing, including the diaries of Samuel Pepys, as well as writing newspaper reports and stories. Phonics and reading comprehension will continue as a daily focussed session as well as weekly spellings for the children to learn. In art we will be painting the London landscape and in DT we will be creating our own London landscapes using junk modelling – so please start saving your boxes and tubes. Cooking will see us tasting a variety of cheeses (inspired by Samuel Pepys who buried his cheeses in the garden to save them from the fire!) as we learn to make sandwiches.

Our science this term looks at the use of everyday materials and their properties. We will be comparing the suitability of materials and identifying a variety of natural and man-made materials in different settings. We will also be looking at planting and growing and doing some planting and measuring of vegetables in the outside space adjacent to Jupiter class. Maths this term will focus on key areas: problem solving, shape, space, measure, number and data handling. We will be using and applying our mathematic skills through practical activities. Homework will continue to be set through the online My Maths scheme which is proving to be very beneficial to the children's progress. English homework will be set weekly in the homework books on Thursday, due in the following Tuesday.

Your child has an updated timetable in their planner, please share this to enable your child to arrive in school well-equipped for the day ahead. PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Fridays and kit should remain in school. The children will be learning team games and practising for the dance festival at the end of May. Children will continue with the ocarina – this needs to be in school with the book on Mondays.

PSHE this term will focus on growing and changing and how this affects our feelings and relationships. In RE we will be looking at the stories and books which are important to Christians, before finding out about prayers and worship in Islam. Our Collective Worship starts with the theme of Truthfulness. The second half term we see us considering the theme of Wisdom.

Computing will be taught on Friday afternoons and will be focussing on programming and animation using the software Scratch. In addition to homework, support with daily reading and phonics is incredibly valuable. Please use your time together in this activity to ask questions about the text as well as reading aloud and decoding.

Thank you for your continued support,

