



YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



As Writers this term, we will be reading fairy tales. We will use these to help us learn to write stories in a similar style and create our own alternative versions. We will also be writing a variety of non-fiction texts including a recount of our trip to Selly Manor to support our London's Burning topic. Later in the term for our main reading focus, we will be comparing books by Oliver Jeffers. This will teach us to write in a variety of formats and from different points of view. We will have lots of opportunity to write about different things across all subjects of the curriculum. You can help at home by ensuring your child learns their weekly spellings and reads their home reader. Discussing the book during and after reading is a great way of developing their understanding!



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a fabulous holiday and are raring to go this new year. We are feeling excited and positive about our learning this term and cannot wait to begin!

Mr Canning

Miss Wakefield

Miss Tipler

Miss McEvilly



London's burning.

Around the world in 35 days



As Mathematicians this term, we will be focussing on number and place value. We will look at many different ways to represent numbers and will explore this practically. We will be learning how to read and write numbers to 100, as well as sequencing, comparing and ordering them. There will be a focus on counting to 100 both forwards and backwards and from any given number.



Later in the term, we will turn our focus to reasoning and problem solving in addition and subtraction. We will often use concrete objects to support our learning initially, before developing our understanding using pictures. Then this develops into abstract methods.

As Scientists this term, we are learning about materials, their properties and their uses. We will also learn about some of the famous people who have developed new materials. You can help at home by looking at items around the house and deciding which materials they are made from and why they are suitable for their purpose.



As Artists, we will be recreating the Great Fire of London in the form of silhouette pictures. We will be using a variety of techniques and choosing from a range of materials to suit our purpose.





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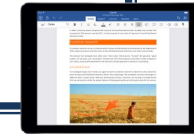


As Geographers, we will begin learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We will discover the differences between countries including their food, dress, music and homes. You can help at home by looking at atlases or globes in order to locate and identify countries, continents and oceans.



In computing, we are learning about E-safety and keeping safe online. Children will be using iPads to improve their keyboard and typing skills. Later in the term, we will be learning the skills to create an Imovie of a news report about the Great Fire of London.

Useful website: <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>



In DT, we will be researching to find out about homes from around the world, the materials used to make them and why they are built to the shape and size they are. We will use a variety of resources to recreate them.



As Historians, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will also be finding out about Samuel Pepys—the famous diarist! The children will experience a fantastic workshop all about the Great Fire too! You can help at home by researching about this period of time and encouraging your child to answer any 'burning' questions they may have!

As good citizens

In RE, we are learning why rules are an important part of life. Also, we will be learning about how important it is to have an awareness of others and the importance of sharing.

In PSHE, we will look at the topics of 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on with Others', and we have an exciting well-being themed week lined up.



As Athletes, we will have two lessons a week (one indoor and one outdoor) where we will build on our skills in games, gymnastics and dance. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school all week.

