

# Welcome to Year 1/2!

Our topic is The Great Fire of London, we will be learning all about what happened back in 1666.



## English

Year 1 children will have a super time taking part in our fantastic phonics program where they will be reading each day, using Fred Fingers, Learning set 2 and 3 sounds and writing some super sentences. They will enjoy sharing ideas using 'Talk Partners' and drama. Year 2 children will build on their previous phonics knowledge following the Read, Write Inc. programme. They will also be looking at books by various authors and reading a variety of stories and books linked to our topics. They will be writing stories and poems with familiar settings and studying a range of non-fiction texts.



## Maths

Year 1 children will be working with numbers up to 50: learning to read, write, count, add and subtract. They will be learning about money, measuring, weighing, money, position and direction.

Year 2 children will be working with numbers up to and beyond 100, learning about place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. They will learn about money, measuring, recording information in charts and telling the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

## Science: Everyday materials-Brilliant Builders and Plants-Growing things

The children will explore different materials and sort them into groups before writing songs based on their properties.

We will explore outside and prepare tubs for planting potatoes. Record the growth of a bean and look at how it develops. Can you recreate the plant with craft materials? Can you label the parts of the plant? We will be looking really closely at little cress plants and draw what we can see. Then we will pop them into egg sandwiches for an egg and cress snack!



PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education):The children will continue to learn all about PSHE with their good friend Zippy!

## History

We will be gripped by this significant historic event from the 17th Century! Contrast fire-safety from the past with today with a visit from Northants Fire service. We will study the buildings of the period and create our own buildings. Enthused by the famous diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn we will write diaries. We will also be writing newspaper reports.

## Computing

Year 1 children will have the opportunity to develop the skills to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content through the creation of their own animated story book.

Year 2 children will learn how to do Skilful searches which are essential for 21st-century learning and information literacy. With abundant information at our fingertips, it is important to teach and reinforce good searching!

## RE

Year 1 children are learning about Jewish Family Traditions. Year 2 are learning about the Torah and its importance to the Jewish faith.

## Design and Technology

The children will have great fun making Fire Engines with moving wheels and axels! They will also build their own Tudor houses which will then be tragically burnt down in our very own recreation of the Great Fire of London!



## Art

The children will be learning a range of techniques in which we will be creating some fantastic pieces of artwork which will be displayed around the school. They will be evaluating and improving their work all the time.



## Music

As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs, children will listen and appraise classic rock music and of course London's burning!

## P.E.

In Physical Education the children will be taking part in a selection of games and athletic activities. They will use a wide range of equipment to develop their balance, stamina and coordination in fun and exciting ways.

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