

### Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you enjoyed the half term holidays. Below are some of the main aspects of the curriculum we will be looking at in Autumn Term 2. Our theme this half term is 'Dangerous Disasters' where our focus will be 'The Great Fire of London'. Children will be immersed in this topic in the majority of subjects, from writing diary entries as an eye witness to the fire, to painting the London landscape at the time of the event.

### As Mathematicians

In Maths, this half term we will be recapping and consolidating our knowledge of place value and our addition and subtraction strategies. We will be looking at money, identifying coins and notes and applying our calculation strategies to adding and subtracting money. Towards the end of the half term, we will develop our understanding of multiplication through arrays, and how this can be represented using the 'x' symbol.

### P.E.

We are going to be developing our skills within athletics such as throwing, jumping and our balance.

### As Historians

We will be comparing past and present London and comparing The Great Fire of London to modern disasters such as Grenfell Tower.

### As Artists

We will be exploring different types of paint and adding texture to paint a Great Fire of London landscape.

### In Computing

In Computing, we are going to be learning about how to keep safe online and how to use electronics to communicate in different ways.

### PSHE

Keeping Safe at Home  
Emergencies  
British Values

### As Authors and Readers

Reading remains a crucial part of learning in Year 2 and daily phonics sessions will continue following the letters and sounds programme. Weekly guided reading sessions will also continue this half term in class in addition to individual reading during the week. Some of the texts we will be using to develop retrieval and inference skills are, 'The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark' and 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We recommend reading a few pages every evening at home with discussion to promote enjoyment of reading and also ask you to ensure your child brings their reading pack into school every Friday and a new book will be sent home every Monday.

Our focus text is 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'. Using this as stimulus, we will develop writing through the following text types:

Diary Writing  
Poetry  
Story Writing



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### As Geographers

In Geography, we are going to be comparing small areas to capital cities. Our focus capital cities are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast this term. We are also going to be exploring human and physical geography and will be identifying key landmarks on a map.

### R.E.

Christianity - We will be learning why Christians believe Jesus was sent by God to help people on Earth. We will also be revisiting the Christmas Story.