

# Year 1

Autumn 2 2021

## Should Guy Fawkes be on top of the bonfire? And How did the Great Fire change London?

This half term our topic has a history focus where we will learn about the gunpowder plot followed by the Great Fire of London. This will lead us to role play and debate with reasons as to who should be placed on top of the bonfire. We also be history detectives looking at sources to develop our knowledge of the Great Fire of London and learn how and why this spread so quickly. This will enable to understand how the fire changed London to answer our focus question: How has London changed over time?

**P.E. will be indoors on Monday** this term. Our focus is indoor athletics and building core strength. Please try to ensure your child has plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Please ensure that children come to school in their P.E. kits

## Maths

### 10 Key Facts

The children are beginning to work on some of Year 1's 10 basic skills in maths. You can help your child practice these skills at home. We are currently working on

- Counting forwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting backwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting in multiples of 2,5,10's
- Identifying one more and one less of a given number within 100

### Curriculum Coverage

In maths sessions this half term we will be covering the following areas of maths

- Addition within 20, crossing over the 10.
- 2D and 3D shapes including some of their properties
- Subtraction within 20, crossing over the 10.

### Numbots

Please encourage your child to use these subscriptions at home at least three times a week

This site allows your children to practice their maths skills while earning coins to upgrade their Avatar.

## Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is Vlad and the Great Fire of London. In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Setting description
- Rhyming poem
- Diary entries
- Letters

We are also having a big push on handwriting in this term. The children will have daily handwriting lessons where they will be learning to join up their handwriting.

**Reading** continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school every day, so that we can listen to them read.

Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Can you also try and listen to your child **read at least three times** a week. This will really help your child with their fluency, pace and confidence. Remember asking questions will check whether they understand what they are reading. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

