

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new half term in Year 1. We hope you had a lovely break. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead. We would like to share some key information with you about what your children will be learning in school.



Maths

This term we will continue to work on addition and subtraction within 10. We will also learn about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and finding one more and one less within 20.

Children will continue to learn maths through lots of practical experiences. You could support with this at home by encouraging them to count, add, subtract, and find shapes in the house and when you are out and about!

English

Our English learning this term will be inspired by the key texts: 'Brown Bear Brown Bear, What do you See?' by Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle and 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy.

Children will be writing their own stories based on the structure of these. They will be encouraged to use simple sentences with capital letters and full stops, finger spaces between words and accurate letter formation of a suitable size which sit on the line.

In History we will be writing a report about the Great Fire of London.

Please ensure children bring their reading folders to school every day and make a note if your child needs a new book.

Please practise reading as much as you can at home and try to make it enjoyable. Read together, take turns to read, read to a younger sibling or other relative to make it purposeful. Please make sure children have read and re read their books and answered some questions verbally about the key events, characters and setting.

Our lovely monster phonics books are a great way to practise spelling with key words at the front of each book. They also have comprehension questions to ask at the front or back too.

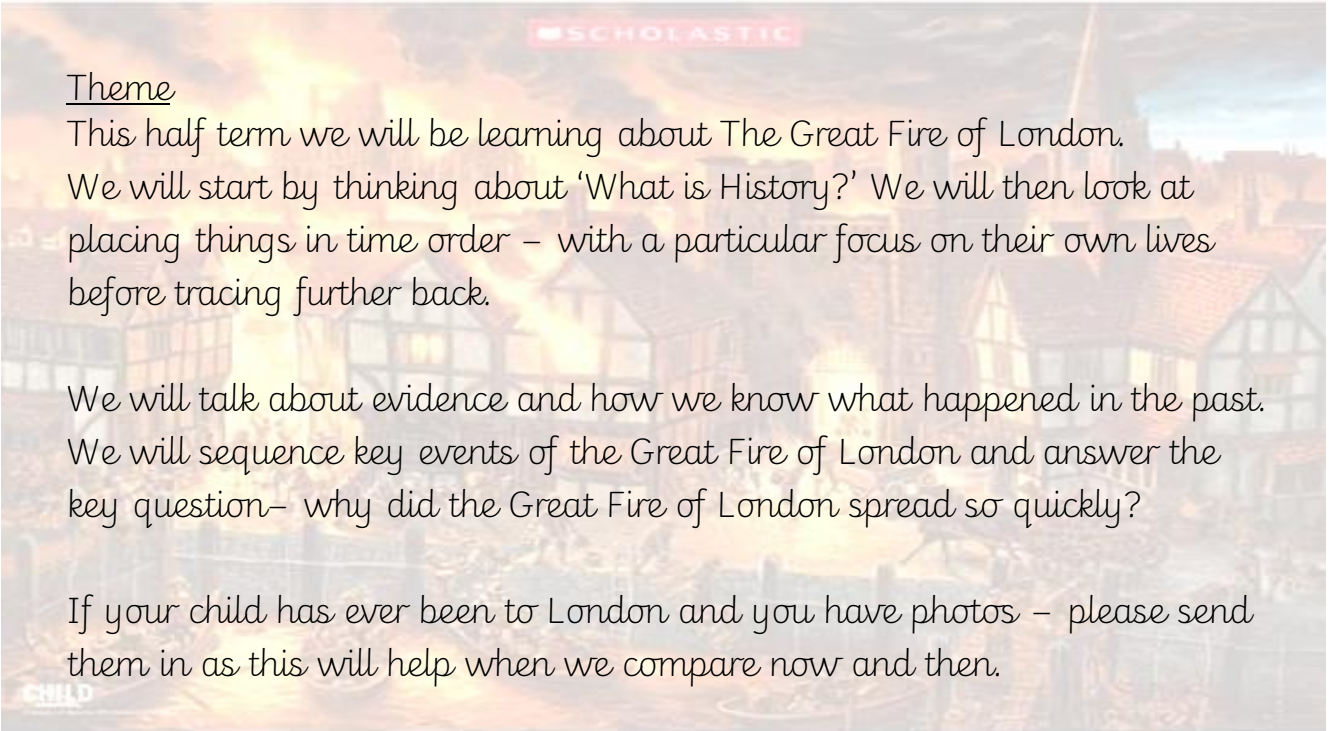

Children take part in daily phonics sessions, weekly guided reading and regular whole class reading sessions as well as 1:1 reading time with an adult to improve their reading and spelling.

You can support with this at home by playing free online games: www.phonicsplay.co.uk – focus on phase 2 and 3. www.monsterphonics.com/games

HANDWRITING

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTISE ACCURATE LETTER FORMATION OF LOWER CASE AND CAPITAL LETTERS – THIS IS VITAL! You can also strengthen your child's fine motor skills through a range of activities - see website for ideas:

<https://www.littlelifelonglearners.com/2020/03/8-activities-to-develop-fine-motor-skills-at-home.html/>



Theme

This half term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will start by thinking about 'What is History?' We will then look at placing things in time order – with a particular focus on their own lives before tracing further back.

We will talk about evidence and how we know what happened in the past. We will sequence key events of the Great Fire of London and answer the key question– why did the Great Fire of London spread so quickly?

If your child has ever been to London and you have photos – please send them in as this will help when we compare now and then.

Homework

Each Friday an English and maths homework task is uploaded to Class Dojo. Your child can complete these online or write the answers in their homework books and upload a picture.

The spellings are also sent out on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. There have been 5 per week so far but this will gradually increase.

P.E.

P.E will continue to take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please remember to bring your child's P.E. kit to school on these days. A P.E. kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and trainers. Please ensure that all your child's P.E clothes are clearly labelled with their full name. Children are not allowed to wear earrings (studs covered) or any other jewellery and must have their hair tied back.

Key Date:

Coffee Afternoon – Friday 19th November 2:30pm – 3:25pm.

If you would like any further information about this half term in Year 1, please send me a message me on Class Dojo. Thank you for all of your on-going support!

Miss Maxted, Mrs Morley and Mrs Winterbottom