

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a great start back to term 3.

This term our topic is 'What Makes Britain Great' and we will be using the text 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'. We will use the text 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. Both stories will support the development of our historical knowledge.

We are lucky to start the term with our dress-up day and history workshop. Look out for pictures in our weekly blog.

Homework

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week and record it in their reading records. This includes both their phonetically decodable book and their 50-reads book. Please support your child by completing their weekly spellings. This will help their fluency in reading as well as developing their writing and independence.

Please keep practising counting objects and recognising numbers in the environment as well as recognising 2D and 3D shapes.

Thank you.

Reminders

Children are not required to bring big bags to school, but do need their book bags every day. Please ensure they have their reading record and reading book in school daily.

Key Dates for Term 3

Start of term 3: Wednesday 3rd January

Forest Schools starts for Butterworth Class: Monday 8th January

Story telling event Reading for pleasure with parents:
Monday 29th January

NSPCC Number Day: Friday 2nd February

Rail Safety Workshop

End of term: Friday 9th February

TD Day: Monday 19th February

Start of Term 4: Tuesday 20th February

PE Provision

As an active learning school, children need to come with suitable footwear that can be comfortable and safe to wear for PE lessons and outdoor activities.

What Makes Britain Great?

Computing

Children will be taught to:

- Use software to create pictures
- Use a variety of tools within the software to create different effects of line, brush and tone
- Apply new learning to create a piece of digital art inspired by Mondrian

PSHE

Children will be taught about:

- Making and achieving our dreams and goals, how this feels and how we can work towards these.

Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Learn addition facts for 11-16
- Learn subtraction facts for 11-16
- Understanding numbers to 100

Music

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise different styles of music, including soul and rap.
- Perform songs using their voices and simple instruments from different styles of music.

English

Children will learn how to:

- Write sentences for a purpose using phonics to support spelling and capital letters and full stops within their writing.
- Apply phonics to decode for reading and segment for spelling.
- Write a series of linked sentences to write a setting description and a non-fiction text.

ART and DT

Children will be taught to:

- To understand where food comes from.
- To evaluate, plan and design a product.
- To evaluate a product against a criteria.

Science

Children will be taught to:

- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Recognise the season of winter and discuss some of their observations.

PE

Children will be taught:

- Gymnastics - a range of balances and rolls, working on our own and with a partner.

History and Geography

Children will be taught:

- To recount episodes from stories about the past
- To talk about an event that has happened in the past.
- To find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information.
- Understand events of the Great Fire of London