

# Phase 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2024



Welcome back! We've got a half term jam-packed with exciting learning opportunities and fun activities ahead. Look out for regular updates on ParentHub and please do come and see us at drop-off or pick-up time if there is anything we can help with. Miss Coker, Miss Hartnell, Miss Gwenlan and the Year 2 team.

### Important messages

**PE days:** Just a reminder that PE kit should be worn into school on PE days and that it should consist of a white t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms or shorts. Football kits are not school PE kits. PE days are: **Emerald** - Monday and Wednesday.

**Sapphire** – Monday and Thursday. **Diamond** - Monday and Friday

**Parents' Evenings:** We know the children will continue to make big strides with their learning this half term and we are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss their progress and wellbeing at Parents' Evenings on 19th and 21st November. Look out for details of how to sign up for a slot.

**Year 2 Festive Concert:** We will be performing a Key Stage 1 Festive Concert for parents and carers to enjoy towards the end of term - stay tuned for dates and further information. We're excited to involve the children in the planning and to getting rehearsals underway later in the term.

### Our learning

This half term, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning key facts about the fire, time lining events and finding out the impact of the fire on London then and now.

Linking to our World learning, we'll explore the non-fiction text '*The Great Fire of London*' by Emma Adams and James Weston. We'll use this as inspiration to write for a variety of purposes and audiences while developing our writing skills.

Information about each subject can be found on the next page.

### Ideas for home learning

Beat your top times tables score on '*Hit the Button*' (available free at [www.TopMarks.co.uk](http://www.TopMarks.co.uk)).

Make a weather diary for a week.

Go for an autumn walk in Brockwell Park and collect some autumn leaves.

Find out about what materials houses in London were made of in 1666. How were they different to houses now?

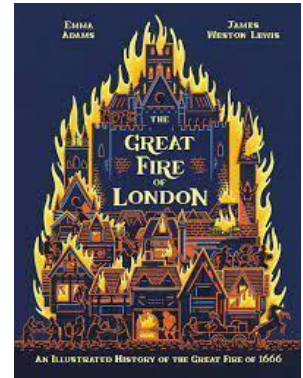
## Our learning this half term

### Core Literacy text:

The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams and James Weston

### World Learning:

History - The Great Fire of London



#### In **English**, we will:

- Making persuasive posters to advertise London attractions
- Writing instructions about fire safety
- Writing a diary entry based on a 'The Great Fire'
- Creating a bravery award for heroic acts during 'The Great Fire'
- Writing descriptions of new houses built after the fire.
- Writing a narrative based on events of 'The Great Fire'.

#### In **RE** we will:

- Find out about religious **celebrations**.
- Explore Christmas and Hannukah.
- Think about how people of different religions celebrate the meaning of different festivals.

#### In **Computing** we will:

- Learn about algorithms and how programs are made.
- Create our own basic programs using Scratch Junior.

#### In **Science** our topic will be seasonal changes.

We will be: -

- Naming the seasons and think about the weather associated with them
- Investigating wind
- Making a wind sock
- Making a sundial
- Investigating shadows

#### In **Maths** we will:

- Add and subtract across tens.
- Add and subtract 2-digit numbers.
- Compare number sentences.
- Recognise 2D and 3D shapes.
- Find vertices, and corners.
- Find lines and symmetry.
- Problem-solve and reason.

#### In **PE** we will:

- Develop our dance skills.
- Think about rhythm and movement.
- Build our balance and co-ordination with 'Multi-skills'.

#### In **World Learning** we will:

- Finding out about how the Great Fire of London started
- Locating where the fire started and where it spread to on maps
- Writing a diary in the style of Samuel Pepys.
- Making time lines of events during The Great Fire
- Comparing London in 1666 and London now through the experiences of Samuel Pepys in The Great Fire of London.

#### In **Music** we will:

- Continue our violin lessons with our amazing music teachers.
- Prepare our Festive Concert with our year group team.