

FIRE! FIRE!

This half term our topic is titled 'Fire! Fire!' We will be completing lots of exciting learning activities thinking about the Great Fire of London and dragons.

As Scientists we will be investigating the materials that would make the best shield for St George against the dragon (Fire link – dragons, British Values link – St George.)

As Artists we will be looking at the work of J.M. W. Turner and creating colour washes for pictures.

As Historians we will be learning about the Great Fire of London, how it was started, why it spread so quickly, the key people in the story and what lessons have been learnt from it.

This term we will also be completing learning activities in the following subject areas:

In computing we will be using the on-line application Purple Mash. Our focus of learning will be Internet safety and searching the internet, and using spreadsheets.

In RE we will be learning about light, how it helps people to remember, why it is important at Advent and Hanukkah and candle light as a symbol.

In music we will be learning and accompanying a Christmas song with tuned and un-tuned instruments.

In outdoor PE we will be continuing to improve our ball skills by playing small games and **in indoor PE** we will be using apparatus in gym, linking movements and travelling.

HOME LEARNING - REMINDER

We ask that each child prepares their own '**Tudor style**' house. The children will need their houses to help re-enact the great fire. We will be building a 3D model map of London using the houses and discussing the factors that caused the fire to spread so quickly.

We would like the houses in school the **week beginning Monday 26th November**, and not before as we have limited space to store them.

There are still two weeks for the children to complete their home learning.

Here are some examples:



LACEY LIBRARY

Year 2 will be visiting the Lacey library on Monday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 8 – 12th Nov

Class 9 – 19th Nov

Class 7 – 26th Nov

Please note: These dates are subject to change. If the weather is too wet on a class' scheduled date the visit will be postponed until the next week therefore moving the other classes back a week. We will try our best to keep you informed of dates in these newsletters if they change.

PE

As the weather is less favourable please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for outside PE as we will be trying to get out as much as possible.

If your child has earrings, please make sure they are removed before school on PE days or covered with tape if its less than six weeks since they were first pierced. We also recommend showing your child how to remove their earrings in case you forget.

REQUEST

We are planning on reusing and upcycling things for our Christmas decorations this year. Please save and send into school any of the following you may have: kitchen roll tubes, toilet roll tubes, bottle tops (pop, milk, water etc.). Thank you for your help.

We bet you're already looking forward to seeing what we do with them!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team