

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during the term. Our topic for this term is 'The Great Fire of London'. This will also include some work on The Gunpowder Plot.

Literacy

During their daily literacy lessons, the children will be focusing on non-fiction writing including; diary entries, information texts, recounts, letters, lists and newspaper reports. Additionally, we shall be writing narratives about ourselves as being individuals and how we are all unique. Children shall also be taught daily phonics/support for spelling and handwriting.

Maths

Every day the children will be learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. Linking to the school time table for each day.

During their daily mathematics lessons, children will continue to:

- Read, write and partition two-digit numbers.
- Begin to recognise odd and even numbers.
- Count objects by grouping them in twos, fives or tens.
- Order two-digit numbers from lowest to highest and highest to lowest.
- Using objects and money to add and subtract.

Computing

The children will learn how to find information using computers and/or iPads. Each session we will recap the importance of keeping safe online, linking to the Buckland Primary School's Online Safety Code.

Music

The children will be using on charanga for their music lessons. in the first half of the term they look at a topic called hands, feet and heart. After the half term we will be learning about a topic called, ho, ho, ho!

Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about Christianity. We will learn about why Jesus told parables and what happens in a church. The children will also identify what Christians believe about the symbols associated with Christmas.

Art, Design and Technology

The children will focus on using different materials to make different structures; leading to them creating create houses built of different materials. This will link to our Great Fire of London learning and form part of our topic.

Geography

The children will learn how to locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.

In geography we will look at map skills, including keys and compass directions. In addition, we shall compare London in 1666 to London today. Looking at the key features and changes over time.

History

During history this term we will learn about Guy Fawkes and explore why we celebrate Bonfire Night, we will also be learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be exploring timelines and comparing things from past and present e.g. London in 1666 and London in 2023.

Physical Education

The children will be continuing with Sports Focus this term on Friday's. During the teacher led P.E. lessons we will learn gymnastics and dance skills alongside learning about the importance of keeping fit and healthy.

Science

Our science topics will be focusing on experimenting with grouping different materials and learning about healthy lifestyles and hygiene.

Home Learning

This year we are continuing with our home learning logs. This is homework set on a fortnightly basis. The work is based on things we have been learning about in school. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this. The children will continue to be allocated an e-book, this will be a book they are able to read confidently, applying their phonic knowledge. They will also bring home a sharing book, which they will choose themselves- this can be read by you to your child or together. Please take time to discuss pictures, make predictions and inferences.

Ways in Which You Can Help:

- ☆ For year 2 our usual P.E. times will be on Mondays & Fridays (Sports Focus). If this changes for any reason we will let you know.
- ☆ Please hear your child read **every** night.
- ☆ Please bring your child's book bag into school every day.
- ☆ Please ensure your child is in school every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Wrens and Swans class each term, this year.
- ☆ Please support your child to learn any words or sounds that are sent home – this will really benefit their skills in phonics and literacy, as well as speech and language.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to an AMAZING first term in year 2!!

Ms Wales and Miss Griffiths



For Parents

Autumn Term 2023

Year 2

Topic Booklet

The Great Fire of London