



#### Welcome back Year 1!

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for the exciting new-year we have ahead of us! We've had a great start to year one and it's great to see the children coming back, already showing us how grown up they have become in the last few months! This newsletter is to let you know a few of the things we will be learning about in school over the next few weeks. It would be great if you could encourage your child's learning with some discussions at home - I'm sure they will be keen to share their learning with you. Additionally this term we will be doing spellings which you could help your child practise at home.

#### Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction recounts based on the Great Fire of London. This will include becoming news reporters visiting the real sites where the fire happened to inspire writing of factual recounts as well as writing diary entries for our fictional recounts. Children will then begin a new unit on poetry looking at rhyming words and creating fire themed songs.

#### Themed Topic (History)

In Topic this term we will dig deeper into our investigation of the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at the fire from a historical perspective focusing on timelines and what was happening in London around the time of the great fire. We will be recording events on our class time line and looking at other parts of London's history. As historians children will be using artifacts to collect evidence and make assumptions based on sources.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development & PE

PSHE in the next coming weeks will be centred on feelings. We will be focusing specifically on how to deal with situations that make us feel happy or sad and how to control and manage these feelings/ emotions. We will continue having community circles in class to allow children to share their feelings, thoughts and ideas.

PE this half-term is focused on gymnastics. Children will be working on their flexibility and sequencing of movements. Yoga sessions will begin with Ms. Rees on Friday afternoons.

**France Class:** PE/Swimming Kit on Monday, PE Kit on Friday

**Italy Class:** PE Kit Monday and Friday.

**PE DAY IS FRIDAY.**

#### Mathematics

The focus in maths for the next term involves both mental addition and subtraction. Specifically, children will continue to represent numbers within 20 in different ways. They will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. They will add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. We will be continuing our look into time, primarily focusing on telling the time to every hour and half hour. In addition, children will begin to explore problems involving time.

#### Expressive Arts and Design (Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music)

Miss Emily will continue weekly drama sessions with a focus on The Great Fire of London. Children will be using role play to stimulate their imaginations and fuel their writing.

In art children will be learning about silhouettes and shadows. They will be exploring colour gradation through the creation of fire and flame drawings. We will be using these skills to create collages.

#### Science & Technology

In science this term we will be beginning the topic Our Living Earth. This will centre around the different animal types and what they eat. The study will include humans and what we do to stay healthy.

#### Home Learning & Other Useful Information

Thank you for all the work you have done with your children so far in year 1. It's great to see such a high level of support which shines through in their attitude towards learning every day. We would also like to thank parents for their continued support with homework. Children's homework is vital for their overall progression and we would ask that you continue to support your child with this every week.