

# Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

## Welcome

Welcome back after the holidays. We hope you had lots of fun and are ready to continue learning.

Your teachers are Mrs Kinnear (Mon and Tue) and Mrs Caldecott (Wed- Fri). We are also very lucky to have Mrs Hodgson as our trainee TA each morning.

## PE

Every Wednesday the children will be taught Dance by PDS. Every Thursday Mrs Caldecott will teach Games/Gym. Children will need a named kit in school at all times. We send home kit each half term to get washed. If your child is unable to take part in PE for medical reasons please let us know so we can plan an alternative PE activity for them.

## Homework, Spellings and Reading

Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Each week we will send home a Learning Log task and a piece of Numeracy. Homework is due back by Wednesday.

Spellings will be sent home every Friday in the back of the spelling book. Please practice with your child over the weekend. We will test spellings every Friday. Please make sure that the spelling book is back in school ready for the test the following Friday. Please do not write in the spelling book.

Please read with your child as often as possible, every day if you can. Please write a comment in the yellow diary eg. Did they enjoy it? How well are they blending? Could they retell the story? Could they discuss the character's behaviour?

The more practice your child gets, the quicker your child will become fluent. We will change your child's reading book twice a week and we will read with them at least once a week. Please keep the reading book and yellow reading diary in their book bag and send it in every day.

## Enrichment

This term we will be visited by the Fire Brigade and the children will have the opportunity to board an engine and try out the hoses. We are also planning a mock baptism with Rev Ackroyd.



# Fire! Fire!



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Fire! Fire! Is a topic based on the historical event of the Great Fire of London. The children will learn about what happened and why and consider fire safety in the home.

In **computing** we will be learning about how to use technology safely. Children will learn how to send emails, visit safe sites, search for information. We will also learn how to make a collage using the iPad app 'Pic Collage'



In **English** we will be writing narratives about personal experiences, poetry and real events for a variety of different purposes. We will be developing the skills of drafting, proof reading and editing. The children will be taught how to write using cursive script and how to spell common suffixes and common exception words. In reading we will teach the children how to retrieve information, infer and deduce. We have a text-based approach to Literacy and we will be reading the familiar stories *Willy the Wimp*, *Willy the Champ* and *Little Beauty* that explore friendship and bravery. Linked to our topic on the UK, we will read *The Queen's Knickers* and *The Kiss that Missed*. We will be writing Bonfire poems and towards Christmas we will be studying Christmas adverts and the text *Lost and Found*.



In **Maths** we will be counting forwards and backward in ones up to and across 100. We will compare two measures and describe the relationship. We will learn about time including the days of the week and months of the year and the meaning of today, tomorrow, yesterday, morning, afternoon and evening. We will solve addition and subtraction problems using our knowledge of one more/one less and number bonds. The names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes will be studied and children will find, draw and make models to explore these concepts.

In **Geography** we will be learning about the four countries of the UK: England, N. Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will locate them on a map and identify the characteristics of each county and the surrounding seas. In the second half term we will focus on London as we explore the historical event of 'The Great Fire of London'

In **History** we will learn about the significant historical events: The Great Fire of London, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We will be learning about significant historical people such as Samuel Pepys and Guy Fawkes.



In **R.E** we will be learning about the Christian story of Creation. Children will learn about the Christian sacrament of baptism and the Story of Christmas.

In **P.E** (Games) we will learn how to travel and how to send and receive a ball effectively. In Gymnastics we will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination. With our specialist dance teacher, the children will learn how to perform dances using simple movements/patterns.

In **Music** we will learn 'London's Burning' as a round and a range of traditional songs from the UK.



In **Art** we will learn how to do simple colour mixing. We will use these skills to paint a picture of The Great fire of London.

In **DT** we will be making a range of traditional foods from the 4 countries in the UK.



In **Science** we will have a weekly focus on seasonal change- tracking weather and the changes in plants. Our main topic is Materials. We will name and identify the properties of different common materials and conduct an experiment to consider the suitability of materials.