



THEME: Great People, Great Events

HOMEWORK

Spellings will be sent home weekly. Please practise these in your child's orange homework book.

Please read with your child every night and sign their diary. This is monitored by the class teacher.

Complete one piece of homework from the Pick n Mix menu per week. Either upload photos to class dojo or complete the work in your child's orange homework book.

Reading should be completed daily.

Homework will be sent home/uploaded on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday.

PE

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day. No earrings and long hair tied back. This half term we will be covering:
gymnastics and outdoor adventure.

RE & PSHE

In R.E. we will be learning about different books from a range of religions and why these are so special for different people.

In PSHE we will be celebrating differences. We will be learning about our emotions, ways in which we can identify these and how to use our zones of regulation.

LITERACY

During this half term, Year 2 will be reading non-fiction texts.

We will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will look at how the fire started and the sequence of events. The children will learn about Samuel Pepys and the role he played in recording the events in his diary. The children will be creating their own diary entries, just as Samuel Pepys did. There were many lessons learnt after the Great Fire and the children will learn about how London changed after the event.

We will continue to practise our phonics every day. Learning how to segment and blend sounds to improve our reading and writing skills.

Please help your child to develop the reading skills taught in school by reading regularly at home and talking about the books they have read.

HISTORY

During our study of 'Great People Great Events' the children will have the opportunity to look at the historical event of 'The Great Fire of London' with an emphasis on Samuel Pepys and his part in how we are able to find out about the past. The children will be looking at primary sources for research and answering questions about the fire.

We will focus on the impact of this event and people have on our lives today, for example the effect on housing and emergency services today.

SCIENCE

Our theme this half term is: Can all Materials change shape? We will be investigating a variety of different materials. Observing using simple equipment and describing what we have found out. We will explore pushing, pulling, stretching, squashing, twisting and many other effects upon these materials.

MATHS

This half term we will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using a variety of manipulatives such as dienes, tens frames and number lines, as well as finding missing numbers.

We will also be introducing multiplication. This will be done by looking at grouping in equal amounts and representing multiplication as repeated addition.

During our Mastering Numbers sessions, we will be continuing to look at the composition of numbers 6-10 and the quantity that numbers represent.

CREATIVE ARTS

Art: During this half term, the children will be creating artwork to replicate The Great Fire of London. Nearer towards Christmas, we will make Christmas cards and festive decorations.

Music: This term we will be listening to and appreciating different music genres. We will be learning about rhythm, beat and what mood you feel when listening to music. We will also be learning and rehearsing songs for our Christmas production.

COMPUTING

This half term our topic is 'Digital Photography'.

The children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing and improving photos.

They will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.