



## Year 2 Wrens Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

**We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!**

Our learning will be centred around **The Great Fire of London** this half term.



### Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 15th January Year 2 Jump into a Book parent and child group starts 3.30pm

Tuesday 27th January Aviary coffee afternoon 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 30th January Year 2 Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 6th February Year 2 trip St Paul's Walk

Friday 13th February Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

### Trips and Visits

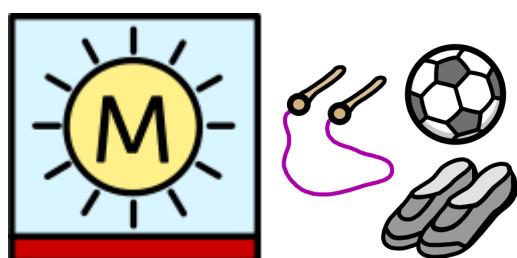
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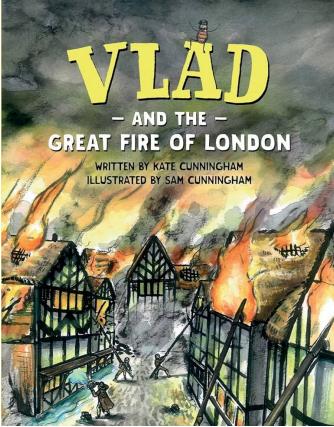


### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Monday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays**.



<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>This half term we will be reading The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <p>Finding information in the text.</p> <p>Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words.</p> <p>Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters.</p> <p>Making predictions about what will happen next.</p> <p>To support your child, you can find more information at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqyc4xs">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqyc4xs</a></p>	<p><b>Writing</b></p> <p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of the Great Fire of London and the book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. Using this text, the children will write an invitation to a play that they will perform to parents and the rest of the school.</p> <p>The children will then write a chronological report about the events that unfolded during the Great Fire of London. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding BOBS sentences (but, or, because, so) to their writing. For example:</p> <p>Peoples' houses were pulled down, <b>because</b> the fire was spreading very quickly.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information linked to BOBS sentences:</p> <p><a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/bobs-sentences-ks1-english-concept-video-t-e-1729179459">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/bobs-sentences-ks1-english-concept-video-t-e-1729179459</a></p> 
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Mass</b>- weighing, measuring and comparing different masses in kilograms and grams.</p> <p><b>Temperature</b>- Reading and estimating temperature.</p> <p><b>Pictograms</b>- Reading pictograms and interpreting pictograms.</p> <p>To support your child further, here are some useful links:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z493hcw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z493hcw</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.teacherled.com/2015/02/04/reading-scales-mass/">https://www.teacherled.com/2015/02/04/reading-scales-mass/</a></p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Our Science topic this half term will be 'Humans'. We will explore different things that humans need in order to stay safe and healthy. We will focus on areas such as; exercise, food, hygiene and teeth.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.</p> <p>The links below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zf8jqp3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zf8jqp3</a></p> 

History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In History, we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will learn about London in 1666 and we will compare it to today. The children will be thinking about how the Great Fire of London impacted people at that time. In addition, we will be going for a 'London Burning Walk' around the tower of London, as well as other historical landmarks.</p> 	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about the dangers of fires and the things that we can do to keep ourselves safe. We have the privilege of inviting a fire safety officer to our class to discuss the dangers of fire and how we can keep safe.</p> 
ICT	<p><b>Programming and Algorithms</b> Our topic this half term is 'Programming.' We will develop our understanding of algorithms. We will also learn how search engines work and compare different search engines.</p>
PSHE	<p><b>Dreams and Goals</b> This half term our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and goals'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.</p>
RE	<p><b>Christianity</b> Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'What does it mean for a christian to belong to a church?' We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on Tag- rugby and Netball. Class PE Day: <b>Mondays.</b></p>
Music	<p><b>Rock Music</b> The children will be exploring rock music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.</p>
Art	<p><b>Painting/Collage</b> This half term in DT, the children will learn about Freestanding structures and will design and make Tudor houses using different materials.</p>
DT and Cooking	<p><b>Cooking</b> This half term in cooking we will be cooking pasta. We will be making a pasta salad with olives, basil and cheese.</p>
<p>Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Visit our website for dates, news and other information</a></p>	