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Dear Parents / Carers,

Our History topic this half term is The Great Fire of London. The children have been learning lots of information about this historic event, including where the fire started, why it started, why it spread so quickly, ways in which they tried to stop the fire and the lessons that have been learnt since then.

In DT, we will be making fire engines using wheels and axels. Each child will need either a named large cereal box or shoe box. Please do not send in any boxes that have contained food with nuts. Please can these be brought in on Monday 2nd February.

At the end of the topic, we are going to re-enact the Great Fire of London in the school grounds. On the morning of Wednesday 12th February, the children will use cereal boxes, paper and straw to create their own Tudor houses. In the afternoon (weather dependent), we will combine all the houses to make our own version of Pudding Lane. One of the houses (the bakery) will be set alight and we will watch to see what happens. A risk assessment has been completed in order to ensure that we have considered all potential risks and have appropriate measures in place to meet all safety requirements. Mr Francis (our site manager) will be in charge of starting and putting out the fire. All children will be stood behind a safety line, far away from the burning houses. If the weather is bad, we will postpone the burning of the houses to a more suitable day.



Helen Arkell

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In order to make our very own street, we need clean, cardboard boxes (preferably cereal boxes). **Please provide your child with a named cardboard box and bring it into school on, or before, Monday 9th February.** If you could provide more than one cereal box, that would be great as the children also need to make a roof for their house. Please do not send in any boxes that have contained food with nuts.

We would like to invite you to come into school on **Wednesday 11th February from 9am to 10.30am** to help us make our houses. We need to get an idea of how many adults will be joining us, so we would be grateful if you could complete the online form (see link below) to let us know if you will or will not be able to attend. **The link will close on Monday 9th February.** If you are unable to use the link, please speak to your child's class teacher. During the session you will work with your own child and a small group of children from the class. You do not need a DBS for this event.

Link for online form (to complete to let us know if you will / will not be able to attend the making houses morning session) is below:

[Year 2 Great Fire of London Parent Event - Fill out form](#)

In the afternoon at approximately 2.30pm, we will start setting up our houses on the school field, ready to burn them at approximately 2.45pm. We are unable to have parents on the school playground during this, but if you would like to watch, you are welcome to watch from the fences along the perimeter of the school grounds. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We hope this will be an enjoyable day and look forward to seeing you.

The Year 2 Team

