

# Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for another busy half term. Our topic this half term is called 'The Great Fire'. During this topic, we will learn about the Great Fire of London and find out about the causes, consequences and lessons that have been learnt. This newsletter is intended to give you information about what we will be learning about in different subject areas, as well as some additional information that we hope will be useful. However, if you ever have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

The Year 2 Team

## Our Curriculum

**English:** Learning Journeys

Christmas recount

Fact File- Vlad and the Great Fire

Apology Letter- Tidy

**Maths:** Money

Multiplication

**History:** Great Fire of London

**Science:** Changing Materials

**RE:** Key events in Jesus' life

**DT:** Wheels and Axels - Fire Engine

Junk Modelling - GfoL houses

**PE:** Gymnastics and Target Games

**PSHE:** Keeping Safe

**ICT:** Spreadsheets

**Music:** Get Set for Music- Great Fire of London

The children will also have Phonics and Handwriting lessons.

## Home Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed last half term's home challenge. We were very impressed with the candle holders that were made.

As we are learning about a historic event in History this half term, for our home challenge we would like you to become a history detective and find out about a different event in history. This could be any event from any era, such as The Moon Landing, Olympics, World Cup, Gunpowder Plot, famous wars etc.

You can present your work in any format you would like, preferably no bigger than A4 (e.g. a poster, a newspaper page, a booklet, a poem etc.). As always, the challenge is optional and children who complete the challenge will receive five Dojo points.



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## Great Fire of London Parent Participation Event and Burning Houses (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February)

Towards the end of the topic, we are going to use everything we've learnt to re-enact the Great Fire of London in the school grounds. In the morning, you are invited to come into school to help the children create their own Tudor houses. We will send out a letter with more information.



In the afternoon (weather dependent) we will combine all the houses to recreate Pudding Lane. One of the houses (the bakery) will be set alight and we will watch to see what happens. A risk assessment will have 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 caretaker) 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. We will let you know closer to the time what time we will be burning the houses so that you can come to watch it from the perimeter of the school (by the fences) if you would like to. It is likely to be at approximately 2.45pm.