



# Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2

November 2023

## Welcome back to Year 2!

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a good break. The school doors open at 8:35am, with the children ready for a 8:45am start. Year 2 would especially love to win the attendance awards this year, so see you bright and early!

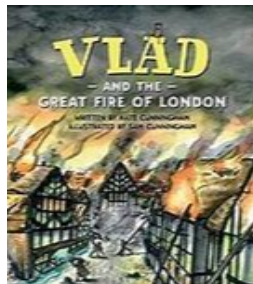
We continue our History topic this half term learning about The Great Fire of London! The children are going to learn about what life was like over 350 years ago and why the Great Fire of London was such a significant event through a range of activities. We're sure the children will enjoy this interesting History topic, especially our workshop that we have planned for the children, delivered by Freshwater Theatre Company.

Our work in Science will continue to focus on animals, including humans. We will learn about the benefits of exercise, being hygienic and what should be included in a balanced diet.

In Art, our focus is on painting and we will look at some of the work of Jackson Pollack. We will recreate his famous drip painting.



In English we will first learn about instructions and then towards the end of the half term we will write a diary entry based on a text called 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. We will look at the features of both of these types of texts and incorporate different elements of SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).



In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of the place value of digits up to 100 and use this to help us expand our range of strategies for calculating addition and subtraction questions. We will then move onto our shape unit where we will recap 'naming 2D and 3D shapes' before moving onto describing the properties of the different shapes and recognising lines of symmetry within them.

### Things to remember

Children should bring their P.E kits with them on the first week back. They will then leave them in school and get changed into them on their P.E days. Children will bring them home, to be washed, at the end of the half term.

ZHW— Thursday and Friday

ZAD—Wednesday and Thursday

PE kit: - Burgundy shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps.

Spelling Test - Friday

### Reading books

Remember our target is 3 reads a week! Please bring book bags in daily. The books are changed at least once a week.

### Milk

If your child has milk please note that this is now paid for on Parent Pay.

### Important information

Weekly homework will consist of::

Reading book—Minimum of 3 times a week,

Spellings - Please practice the spellings ready for a test on Friday.

Maths Number Facts

**Homework books will be given out on a Friday and need to be returned the following Friday.**

Reading for enjoyment is a whole school focus, this means your child will enjoy class novel time! Miss Devlin's class will read 'Bad Nana' by Sophy Henn and Mrs. Wright's children will read "Space Detectives' by Mark Powers

