

It's going to be busy in Owls and Tigers classes this half term!

Topic: The Great Fire of London Autumn 2 2019

Literacy



We will be studying and creating poems in groups and individually (based on bonfire night, emotions and The Great Fire of London). We will have fun developing listening and speaking skills through drama before writing an historical reports and diaries based on The Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys! We are working hard to improve our handwriting, making sure we use correct letter formation, capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks in our sentences. Also, we are making sure that we use conjunctions such as and, but, so, because to make our sentences more interesting.

In our second week back we have our whole school theme week- this year we are linking our work on Mental Health and Wellbeing to our whole school book week and the whole school will be working on the text 'Sweep.' Look out for more information in our theme week letter (11th to 15th November).

In our spelling programme we will be working on Year 2 common exception words and spelling rules.

Numeracy



This half term we continue to use addition and subtraction facts to 20 mentally, while working on facts up to 100 practically. The children should know and recall number bonds to 10 and 20 to help them solve calculations. We will be looking at money and use our addition and subtraction skills to solve money problems. We will start to use multiplication for 2, 5 & 10 so children recognise multiplication as repeat addition. As well as this with your support we will work on number targets.

Topic



We are learning all about the Great Fire of London this half term. We will talk about fire safety and the modern fire brigade and the Fire Service will be coming to talk to the pupils on 18th November about fire safety. In Science we will look at how materials can be changed by heating, and other processes. Pupils will be designing and making their own fire engines with moving wheels and we will be working together in teams to create a new St Paul's Cathedral for London.

In Art we will be painting Fire of London pictures.

Computing



We are looking at computer games. The children will play simple games then predict and test how algorithms are used. We will consider all the skills needed to develop computer games.

We will talk about appropriate use of technology and how to use devices safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private (this will also form part of our Cyberbullying awareness work in our November theme week).

As well as all this there will be dance, music, outdoor PE, designing and making, show and tell, a Nativity (our performances are on 17th December at 2pm and 18th December at 9.30am- letter to follow), an infants' Christmas party (19th December- letter to follow) , 'Cinderella pantomime (4th December- please see letters which have already gone out about this), our whole school theme week on Anti-bullying/ Mental Health and Wellbeing (11th to 15th November) and lots, lots more.
We are going to have fun!

Whole Year Group Writing targets:

To use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks correctly in my writing.

To use conjunctions such as and, but, so, because to add detail to my sentences.

If you have any spare time at home, why don't you.....

- visit the library and read about 'The Great fire of London', Samuel Pepys, or changing materials
- Visit the bbc website to learn about Samuel Pepys
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/
- talk about what happens if you discover a fire, and how you and your family can evacuate safely!
- read poems and talk about recounts
- look at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

It would also be useful to practise writing the numbers 0 to 100 in digits and words.

Please help us to resource our class work this half term by donating shoe boxes for our design and making work, as we will be investigating and making our own fire engines this half term.

Many Thanks

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