

# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



## Spring Term 2022

### Fire, Fire! (6 weeks)



Our Fire, Fire topic begins with the children learning about The Great Plague, which happened just before the fire, and how this affected the people in London. The children will then learn about The Great Fire of London through Literacy and a drama session with Natalie Green, who has a diploma in Performing Arts Teaching. The children learn how the fire started and what helped it to spread so quickly. Through art, the children paint pictures of The Great Fire of London, creating beautiful images of the fire, using a variety of materials and techniques. During these lessons, they will also create Tudor houses. We will also provide a hands-on experience of how to bake bread using techniques of the past; the children will be able to tell you about the significance of baking it and they will learn about the importance of hygiene. In Science, the children will learn about a healthy lifestyle and the importance of having a balanced diet. During ICT lessons, the children will create their own Great Fire of London inspired maze. In Maths, the children will explore fractions and time. They will then continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills while learning to cross over the barrier of ten, with two-digit numbers. The children will be given the chance to share all their learning with you at our end of topic exhibition on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## Focus Author

This half term, we will be reading and discussing books and stories written by the author, Malorie Blackmore.

## Diary Dates

World book day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Fire, Fire drama day – 10<sup>th</sup> (LP and LN) and 11<sup>th</sup> March (PN and TG)

Book Fair – Wk beg: 14<sup>th</sup> March (starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March)

Fire safety talk – 17<sup>th</sup> March

Fraser class photos – 25<sup>th</sup> March

Fairtrade Bakeoff – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Fire Fire Exhibition – 5<sup>th</sup> April (timings TBC)

Easter treats day – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Soundstorm Performance – Around the World – 8<sup>th</sup> April

# P.E. – Dance and Outdoor Games

In PE this half term, the children will be learning a number of counter balances with a partner in gymnastics. They will then integrate these using a range of rolls to create their own routine. In Outdoor Games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements. This term, we are focusing on using rackets, returning, catching and throwing skills during the 'Net and Wall' section.

PE days are as follows:

Lions: Tuesday and Wednesday

Leopards: Wednesday and Thursday

Tigers: Monday and Tuesday

Panthers: Monday and Thursday

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE and outdoor games days, otherwise they will be unable to take part some parts of these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied back, their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will be sent home half termly to be washed.

## P.S.H.E. and R.E.

In P.S.H.E. this half term, the children will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme by moving on to a topic entitled 'Healthy Me'. In this topic, they will learn what they need to do to stay healthy as they get older. In our R.E. lessons, the children will learn about the Easter story and the meaning of Easter for Christians.

If you have any questions about this newsletter please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continuous support,

### Teaching Staff - Year Two

Miss Taylor, Miss Slater, Mrs Robertshaw, Mrs West

and Mrs Thorne

### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Elton, Mrs Finney, Miss Guppy, Mrs Smeeth,

Mrs Way, Mrs Young and Mrs Gailor