



Wednesday 1st November 2023

Class 1

Autumn 2 Half Term Newsletter

I hope you all have had a wonderful half term and are ready for a fun packed Autumn 2 term!



Class 1 will be completing the following activities over the course of this half term.



<p>Phonics: Children will be accessing either Phase 3, Phase 4, or Phase 5 Phonics in class and whilst in provision. We will be looking at and learning our new tricky words alongside the Year 1 common exception words.</p> <p>Weekly spellings and spelling tests will be introduced to help develop phonic knowledge and writing skills. Spellings will be sent home to learn and will be linked to the phoneme that has been learnt that week.</p>	<p>English: Our focus this half term is around Zog! We will be exploring the text by Julia Donaldson. Exploring new vocabulary, the characters and creating our own ending to the story! We will also be creating an information book on the Great Fire of London. We have started doing daily handwriting and we are practising our letter formations alongside adding our leads onto our letters. Guided reading is taking place with group reading, individual reading and phonic knowledge being developed</p>
<p>Maths: This half term we are continuing with our place value skills but exploring patterns and sequences, fractions, mass and volume, money, and time. We will be using different practical methods with lots of manipulatives to help us learn our new skills.</p>	<p>PE: This half term we are developing our dance and gymnastic skills! Linking in with our topic of The Great Fire of London we will be creating a "bakers dance" and looking at the way flames move and incorporating them into our routines.</p>
<p>Art: Within art, we are linking our learning with our topic of the Great Fire of London! We will be creating our own shoe box Great Fire of London scene. We will be exploring different art mediums including splatter and blow painting, blending and the use of colour with pastels.</p> <p>DT: Within DT we are exploring different fruits and vegetables, and identifying how they are classed to be either a fruit or vegetable. We will be taste-testing unusual fruits and vegetables and designing and making our own smoothies!</p>	<p>Topic: In topic we are exploring the events of The Great Fire of London. We will be locating London on a map of the United Kingdom, exploring the importance of London being a capital city and its landmarks. Alongside discovering what happened on Pudding Lane in 1666. We might be having a special visit by our local fire department!</p> <p>We are also celebrating Black History Month and we are learning about Serena Williams, we will be gathering information about her and her tennis career alongside her fashion career and designs to create our own tennis player outfits!</p>
<p>RE: In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and looking at the Christmas story. Sequencing the events in the story and understanding that Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God.</p> <p>We are hopefully going to visit Ghyll church too!</p>	<p>Science: As we are exploring the Great Fire of London, we will be looking at fire. Focusing on how it starts, and how different materials respond to fire. We will be able to explore and answer the question: why did the fire on Pudding Lane spread so quickly?</p> <p>We are also looking at the different seasons, nature, plants, and animals. We will explore what happens to trees in colder months and animals that hibernate. We will be taking part in scavenger hunts and nature walks.</p>

Reminders

- PE will be carried out in **two separate lessons** throughout the week. The first lesson will take place on a **Wednesday morning** and the second on a **Thursday afternoon**. From this half term, children are to come to **school in full uniforms** on PE days as they will be getting changed into their PE kits **in school**. **Your child's PE kit will stay in school and will be sent home on Thursday night to be washed.**
- Please read with your child as often as possible as this massively improves their phonic and reading ability.
- Please practise the weekly spellings with your child as much as you can, as phonic and spelling knowledge improves your child's writing ability.



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