

Falcon Class

Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term Second Half 2018



Hello and welcome. I hope you had a restful half-term. Our topic this term is 'London's Burning' where we will learn all about the Great Fire of London through the eyes of people who lived it. Below is a brief outline of the exciting learning that will be taking place this half-term and some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. Your involvement in your child's education makes a huge difference to their success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Vokes

English

Our learning will be focussed on the book: The Great Fire of London Anniversary Edition in which we will be exploring the diary entries of Samuel Pepys and having a go at writing our own imagining we were there. . .

You could help your child at home by:

Encouraging them to keep a diary about what they have done over the week or an imaginary diary e.g., the diary of a superhero or spy.

Discussing the layout and words used in a diary.

Maths

Some of the things that we will be exploring include:

- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication

You could help your child at home by:

Giving your child experience of handling money and playing shop and calculating change.

Practicing maths minute games and times tables for the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

History

We will be learning all about the Great Fire of London and the lives of the people that lived through it. Below are some useful websites you could show your child to help them understand this historical event.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/minecraft/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/

D.T.

In DT we will be investigating bread and making our own, just like they did in the bakery at Pudding Lane at the time of the Great Fire of London!

Art

We will be looking at collage and the artist Frank Stella. We will then make our own collage in the same style based on the Great Fire of London.

P.E.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at **all times** including suitable footwear which is labelled.

We have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Parent helpers

I would like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare an hour or two to listen to children read in Falcon Class each week. Reading is a vital skill for children which enables them to learn and progress and your involvement makes a significant difference.

Shoebboxes

Your child will need a shoebox or box of similar size to design their very own Tudor House which we will use to re-enact the Great Fire of London (in a safe way). A letter will go out about this nearer the time.