

English

This term the children will be reading 'Burglar Bill' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, 'Vlad' by Kate Cunningham and 'The Great Fire of London' by Liz Gogerly. We are focusing on correct letter formation, using finger spaces between words and writing sentences with capital letters and full stops. We will then move onto using adjectives to add detail, varied sentences openers and linking sentences with conjunctions. The children will be writing captions, labels and simple sentences before moving on to character descriptions, instructions and information texts.

Please look out for the Big Write notes on Class Dojo. Discussing these with your child will help them hugely when it comes to independent writing on a Friday.

Maths

It is important for the children to know how our number system works and be able to count confidently in steps of ones, twos, fives and tens both forwards and backwards! We begin this term by learning about the place value of two digit numbers. They will learn how to read and write numbers as well as partitioning them into tens and ones (e.g 36 has 3 tens and 6 ones). They will compare and order numbers using the words greater than, less than and equal to as well as the symbols $>$ and $=$. We will then focus on learning about addition and subtraction using the part-whole model as well as learning their fact families and number bonds. Finally, we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes prior to the Christmas holidays!

Topic (history, art and DT focus)

This term the children will become detectives to find out what happened in the Great Fire of London. They will investigate and interpret evidence from a crime scene to determine what it tells them as well as thinking about chronology and the difference between the fire service now and then. We will be making fire patterns with various art materials, bread and Tudor houses.

Science

The children will be learning about seasonal changes. This will involve working systematically such as observing the changes as well as asking scientific questions.

Reading Awards

The children will work towards reading awards by reading with an adult. To help your child to achieve their awards, please update us when your child achieves the target reads (30, 60, 100, 150, 180, 210 and 250 reads) so we can celebrate this. Please note, we only count one read a day to ensure it is fair for all children.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on ball skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and rolling. They will practise these through playing a variety of games. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let an adult in school know.

PSHE

PSHE time will be spent helping the children think about their return to school. We will be focusing on feeling safe and happy, being positive and looking forward to learning and managing any worries and fears.

RE

This term we are thinking about what it is like to belong to a faith community. Our next unit will focus on what Christians believe God is like.

In these unprecedented times, we are especially proud of all of the children both in their learning and positive approach to all that they are doing. This would not be possible without the support and encouragement from yourselves for which we are very thankful.

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Computing

This term the children will be learning and using skills to create, organise, save, manipulate and retrieve digital content on laptops. They will then move onto programming using Espresso Coding and Beebots.

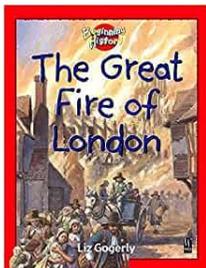
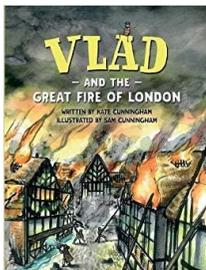
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Below are key texts we will be using in English. They are available to purchase on Amazon should you wish to support your child further at home.



Homework

One bingo box a week – we would love to see their great work and doing the homework will help their understanding immensely. Please could you post your child's homework on Class Dojo each week.

Read at home regularly. See the 'Reading Bingo' sheet for some lovely and unusual reading ideas! Reading **most nights** (even for five minutes) will help your child to become the best reader they can be! See *Reading Awards* above for information on how to share this with us.

Practise the weekly spellings as shown on Class Dojo using the games on Spelling Shed or an idea from the spelling menu. Your child will have a spelling test every **Monday** morning.

Practise reading and writing phonics and word spellings from their **RED** phonics books (some year 1 children only).

Practise reading the tricky words (words that can't be sounded out using phonics) from their **tricky word wallet** (some year 1 children only).

Big Write notes will be put on Class Dojo 2 out of 3 weeks on a **Wednesday** to help prepare the child to write on a **Friday**, please look out for these and discuss them with your child.

Year 2 only will be using Times Table Rockstars to practise times tables. Please contact us if you do not have your child's login.

Please do contact us on Class Dojo if you have any questions or queries, we are always here to help. It is a great way to communicate and stay in touch during these times.

Ways to help at home:

1. First and foremost, please help your children feel happy, comfortable and thankful of the little things in life that will help them mental well-being.
2. Help them to complete their homework and take pride in what they produce. It is important that children complete their homework on time as it gives the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
3. Read with them as often as possible and ask them questions.
4. Ask them what they have done at school and discuss it (hopefully they won't say, "Nothing!").
5. Spot and discuss words, numbers and shapes in signs/shops/clocks when out and about.
6. Play board games and card games to learn the values of sharing, co-operation and problem solving.
7. Help them become as independent as possible by encouraging them to dress themselves.

Here is a selection of educational maths games and songs;

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfq8>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>