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# Year 2 Newsletter

## September 2016



### This Half Term

Our context is The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about how the fire started, how it spread and the damage it caused. Children will learn about Samuel Pepys and King Charles II. They will learn all about London past and present and use iPads and atlases to place London and Middlesbrough on the map. In Art and Design we will be designing, building and evaluating our own 1666 houses.

In Science children will be learning about living things and their habitats which will include living processes, habitats and food chains.

### Maths

In maths we will be focussing on sequences and place value, addition and subtraction and 2D shape. We will be putting skills learned into context. Children will develop their use of maths equipment such as Numicon, number lines and 100 squares to support their learning. Children will take part in regular problem solving activities and will practise their 'quick fire' mental maths skills.

### English

In English we will be reading and writing about stories starting with *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Children will focus on securing their use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will then move on to linking English with context by writing diaries and reports linked to The Great Fire of London. Children will be encouraged to use cursive script to develop presentation and to support as they begin to join letters together.

### Don't Forget...

PE - Friday. Kits are provided by school and will stay half termly. Plimsolls/trainers to be brought from home.

Home readers will be changed each time your child has finished their book.

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday to be checked on the following Thursday.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday to be returned on the following Thursday.

### Reciprocal and Guided Reading

Children will be taking part in Reciprocal Reading every morning to develop their prediction, clarification, questioning and summarising skills. These skills will be developed through a whole class text with supporting activities. Guided Reading will take place on an afternoon and during this session children will develop their reading, comprehension and phonics skills through Lexia (a computer reading development program), iPad phonics apps, guided group reading, supported comprehension groups and spelling practise.

### Important Dates

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Day. Children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book.

We are looking forward to the year ahead with your children! Mrs Padgett and Miss Norlund ☺

