



# Class 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2021



## Autumn

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely Summer Holiday!

### Topic



Our History topic this term is **The Great Fire of London**. In this History topic, children will learn about how the fire started and different people's reactions to the fire's outbreak. Children will develop their skills in reasoning and demonstrate an understanding of how the past can be interpreted in different ways.

### Science

Our Science this term will focus on **Materials**. Children will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Children will explore a variety of everyday materials and describe their physical properties. They will also learn about comparing and grouping different everyday materials.



### Art & D.T

Design lessons will focus on **freestanding structures**, exploring different ways of reinforcing and securing. This will be linked to our History topic. Art lessons will focus on different kinds of **drawing** using pencils, charcoals, inks, chalks, pastels and ICT software. We will also explore different textures and observe patterns in our work.

### Maths



In Maths, we begin the term by reviewing our **place value** work. Year 1 children will be asked to sort, count and represent a variety of different objects. The children will also focus on counting one more and one less up to 20. Year 2 children will revisit their understanding of counting forwards and backwards to 100 and the representation of numbers as tens and ones using the part-whole model.



### Literacy

We begin the half term studying a **historical fiction** piece entitled 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' which will be linked to our topic and will focus on developing our use of language when writing.

Children will also study 'The Day the Crayons Quit', linking their reading and writing to different poems, concentrating on the use of adjectives and appropriate punctuation.



### P.E/ Forest Schools

Our P.E and Forest School days for KS1 are Tuesday and Thursday. Forest School sessions will take place outside. Please make sure that the children have old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy! Appropriate footwear, such as wellies, are also encouraged. In P.E this term, the children will be developing their **gymnastic skills**. They will focus on different ways to balance and travel safely.

### PSHCE

Children will learn about themselves and their **relationships**. This will coincide with lessons on being collaborative.

### Computing



This term, we will build upon our understanding of Digital Literacy and in particular, **online safety**. The children will explore how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private. We will also identify where to go for help and support if we have any concerns when we are on the internet.

### Music



In music, children will learn songs to perform on the topic of animals. Children will learn about **exploring sounds** and **pitch**, linking their musical learning to P.E.

### R.E

Within R.E, children will explore the enquiry question: What does it mean to belong to a **faith community**?