

<p><b>Year 2 Curriculum</b></p> <p><b>Spring 1</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Snelson</b> <b>HLTA - Miss Sutton</b> <b>TA - Mrs Nock and Mrs Crew</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>London's Burning</b></p> 	<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>Our first literacy topic of this half term is story writing. Again children will be using Talk for Writing to learn the story of the Great Fire of London. Children will then be working hard to improve their language choices using fire poetry to help develop their ideas. Children will then be writing their own story based on the Great Fire of Pensnett as children will be able to relate to the local area. Our second writing topic will be diaries. We will have looked at the diary of Samuel Pepys in Topic and will use this to identify the features of diary writing. Children will then write their own diary about the events of a local fire. Finally, children will write a witness statement from the point of view of someone who had first-hand experience of the great fire.</p>	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p>This half term, our first topic is Money. This is the first time that children will be introduced to the £ and p symbols. Children will learn how to count in pounds and pence, be able to select coins in order to make given amounts. Children will then explore different ways of making the same amount before comparing two different values of money. Children will then apply their knowledge of money solve money two-step problems, giving the correct change.</p> <p>Our second topic for the half term is multiplication. Children will be learning how to recognise equal groups, how to make equal groups and how to add equal groups. Once children are secure with working with equal groups, they will be introduced to the multiplication symbol (X). Children will then be introduced to the 2, 5 and 10 times table.</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>This half term, we are learning about Materials. Children will learn how to identify and compare how suitable a variety of everyday materials are for particular uses. Children will be investigating how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>	<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>This half term, our topic is the Great Fire of London. Children will be learning about what life was like in England during the time of the Great Fire. Children will become experts in retelling the events of the fire using the diary of Samuel Pepys to support and will be able to place these events in chronological order. Children will complete research into why the fire spread so quickly, and will have the opportunity to make their own Tudor house. We have an exciting visit planned from Brierley Hill fire brigade who will be teaching us about how the jobs of fire people have changed since 1666 and how we can keep ourselves and our homes safe.</p>
<p><u>Important dates:</u></p> <p>Visit from the Fire Brigade 15.1.18</p> <p>23.1.18 Visit to the Gurdwara - a Sikh temple (more information to follow).</p>	<p><u>P.E.</u></p> <p><u>P.E sessions are on a Monday afternoon.</u></p> <p>Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Please make sure that your child has their kit in school at all times.</p> <p><u>SMSC</u></p> <p>This half term, our topic is called 'Safe not sorry.' During this half term, children will be learning about how medicines can help to make people better and how medicines should be stored safely. We will also be looking at fire safety and look forward to our visit from the fire brigade. Finally, we will be learning about how to cross the road safely.</p>	<p><u>Art/DT</u></p> <p>During the first few days of term, children will be designing, making and evaluating their own Tudor house model. Children will also be creating silhouette images of the London skyline in 1666 and of today to show how life has changed.</p> <p>Later this term, children will be competing in the Great Fire of London Bake Off where they will be baking bread using recipes from the Tudor times. Children will learn about the bread making process and will learn more about food hygiene.</p>	<p><u>R.E.</u></p> <p>This half term, we have an exciting visit planned to a Gurdwara. Before their visit, children will be learning about the types of things they can expect to see within the Sikh place of worship. Returning to school, children will be learning about feasting and will be encouraged to think about special meals with their own home.</p> <p>A separate letter will be given out explaining more details about this trip.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework will be given out on Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child is reading at home daily and that you are filling in their home reader diary. Children also need to be regularly practising their spellings, which they will be tested on every Friday afternoon.</p>