



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Term 2

London's Burning!

Friday 5th November

Dear Class 1 Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing and fun-filled half term and are as excited as we are to be back in school and get started with the new term! As with last term, please find attached a copy of the topic web for this term. This gives an outline of teaching and what to expect of the children's learning experiences for this term. Class 1 will continue to be taught by Mrs Hyde on Fridays, learning French, handwriting, number bonds, P.E. and reviewing the children's phonics as taught throughout the week.

I would like to start by thanking all parents and carers for your support during our first term in school and the challenges this has brought as we settle into school life after COVID lockdown. All of the children have shown such resilience as they settle into Class 1 and experience a new setting and new teachers. We are extremely proud to be in the Class 1 team and look forward to the new teaching and learning that this term brings!

Topic

This term, we have a very exciting topic for Class 1 called 'London's Burning!' This topic will introduce the children to the study of history, as we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be investigating how the fire started and why, and reading a first-hand account of the fire from the writer Samuel Pepys.

Reading

Reading books will continue to come home with the children every Monday, and reading records will continue to be checked to monitor how often the children are reading. We encourage you to keep reading your child's reading book at home with them for approximately ten minutes each night or in the morning. Please date and sign the reading record, and feel free to write a comment! Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their book bag to bring into

school every day. In class, the children will continue to read with Miss Gauger and their reading record will be stamped or signed to indicate this.

Spellings

The children have now been given a Common Exception Words sheet to take home and practice. Alongside the regular spellings to be given out each week, we encourage parents and carers to go over these tricky words with your child to prepare them for the new phonics learning that is being introduced this term. We will continue to conduct spelling tests on a **Friday** with Mrs Hyde, so please ensure that your child's spelling book comes to school with them on Fridays.

Phonics

Last term, the children were individually assessed on some of the phonics they learned in EYFS to gauge what they had retained from the previous year. This will continue throughout this term. This term, the children will be introduced to new sounds and words as part of the Year 1 curriculum, which they have not encountered before. As mentioned above, we therefore encourage you to refer to the Common Exception Words sheet when reading with your child - this will help to accompany the learning we will be doing in class.

PE

In addition to the Golden Mile, the children will continue to have P.E. on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. You will have been notified that, on P.E. days, children are expected to arrive in school wearing their P.E. kit (white t-shirt, black or green shorts, socks, trainers). As the weather begins to get colder, we recommend that children wear long trousers/joggers (in green) as part of their kit when they do P.E. outside on a Friday. If your child wears earrings, these will need to either be removed for P.E. days or medical tape should be kept in their bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape). Any children with long hair must always have their hair tied back.

Nativity:

As part of the school term, Class 1 - alongside EYFS and Class 2 - will be recording our Nativity this year. Class 1 will be taking on the role of shepherds and we will be learning a song to accompany this. More information about organizing costumes will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Value

In Term 2 we will be learning all about compassion.

- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others
- Offering care and concern
- Noticing a need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Gauger, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Butler