



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: The Great Fire of London. Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

PE

A reminder that Year 2 pupils will continue to have Indoor PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly named. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Reading

Reading folders must stay in their book bags and be brought to school every day. Please encourage your child to look after the books by putting them in the provided plastic folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Please record in the diary daily when you have listened to your child read. Please record the title, the pages read, any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write and details of any completed Accelerated Reader quizzes. Children will continue to visit the school library every other Tuesday where they will have the opportunity to select a library book in addition to their AR book.

Topic

Please support your child with creating a building that would have been around in 1666 when there was the Great Fire of London e.g. houses, churches, St Paul's Cathedral, bakery. We are going to recreate The Great Fire of London and burn all of the projects to watch the spread of fire and why The Great Fire of London was significant. DO NOT USE ANY METAL! Please bring them in before Thursday 12th March.

Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.

Maths

Every Monday, we will continue to set pages from your child's White Rose Maths booklet. As mentioned before, please do not go ahead of the schedule provided (see below), as your child may not have learned this concept in school yet. Please also remember to mark your child's work with them, using the QR code on Page 1 of the book. These books will be checked every Monday so please ensure they are in school this day.



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Homework due date	Pages to complete
2 nd March	58 - 60
9 th March	61 - 63
16 th March	64 - 66
23 rd March	68 - 70

Spellings

Every Monday, we will continue to provide a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our spelling scheme and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Monday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Mulford and Mrs Brown.

Year 2 teachers.



Year Group - 2

Term - Spring 2

English

We will be continuing our Guided Reading cycle using the book *The Great Fire of London*. This term, our Talk for Writing lessons are focusing on diary writing during *The Great Fire of London*. Each lesson begins with a spelling, punctuation and grammar activity. We will also be writing and performing some poetry based on *The Great Fire of London*.

Maths

We are continuing to teach from White Rose maths. This half term our focus will be Measurement, including length, height, temperature and mass. We will be spending time consolidating our understanding of multiplication and division.

History

We will be learning about the key events of *The Great Fire of London*. Including; the impact of the fire on Britain, how the fire changed how we build today.

Our key person is Samuel Pepys. We will be exploring his diary and what his role in the fire was.

Topic: Great Fire of London

Outdoor PE: Tennis

Children will be learning how to play tennis focusing on accurately hitting ball with a racquet. Andy Murray is our Key Person.

Indoor PE: Dodgeball

Children will learn how to compete against themselves and others. They will practise communicating with each other part of a team. Skills will include jumping, throwing and catching.

DT — Models

The children will be making their own fire engine using junk modelling, axes and wheels. They will have designed, made and evaluated their work by the end of this unit.

Science— Living things including humans

We will be learning about the stages of life, basic needs, hygiene and the importance of a balanced diet. Our key person is Florence Nightingale.

Computing—We will be learning to how to present ideas in different ways using a computer. For example, showing a story in three different ways and making a quiz about a story.

RE Christianity—Easter

We will be learning *The Easter Story*. Then, why and how Christians celebrate Easter.

Music—the children will continue their learning of how to play notes B, A and G on the recorder using stave notation. The notes C and D will be introduced.

Topic Projects

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Dates

W/C Monday 2nd March: Please bring in a small cuboid cardboard box for your child's DT project.

Thursday 26th March: STEMbotics Workshop.