

Oldbrook First School  
Living and Learning Together



Year 2 Autumn 1 - The Great Fire of London

At the end of this half term, we will be inviting you to come and share all our learning about The Great Fire of London.

**English:** This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction reading and writing. We will be learning to write a newspaper article and learning to present information linked to our topic learning in a variety of interesting ways. The children will also be learning traditional poems and writing their own poem about fire. The children will continue to learn phonics. We will be working on our handwriting and presentation skills.

**Maths:** We will be reading and writing numbers to 100 and learning about place value. We will be finding numbers that are more than and less than, estimating and rounding numbers up or down. The class will also investigate number patterns including odd and even. Some of our work will be on money, looking at values and adding prices together. We will also recap on simple addition, subtraction, doubling and halving skills, and number patterns. The children will also be learning multiplication facts.

**Computing:** Our focus will be on using ICT for research purposes and we will also recap on and develop our understanding of e-safety.

**Science:** We will be learning all about classifying and changing materials, including reversible and irreversible changes. We will develop our investigative skills in order to test how materials can be changed, and recording our observations.

**History:** This half term we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We will learn the key events that took place, and we will develop our research skills to find facts. We will also be learning about an important historical person.

**RE:** In our RE learning we will be finding out about the different festivals that are celebrated within our school including Harvest. We will also be learning about symbols that are important in our lives and in different religions.

**PSHE:** This half term the topic is 'New Beginnings' within this topic children will be learning about new rules and routines in school, discussing relationships and making new friends. The children will also be learning about fire safety linked to our topic.

**Art:** The children will be experimenting with various paint techniques, as well as exploring how to mix colours. They will also be using art as a source of information about the past.

**Design Technology:** In our lessons we will be investigating a range of vehicles, then designing and constructing our own emergency vehicles. We will be learning to use tools safely. Based upon the Great Fire of London, we will also be making a range of houses in keeping with that time and exploring how quickly the fire would have spread.

**PE:** We have two PE sessions a week. We will be doing striking and field and invasion games with Mr Reynolds.

**Music:** We will be listening to music and learning songs that use a range of sounds and speeds. We will also take part in a Harvest Celebration.

**How you can help your child this half term:**

- PLEASE make sure they have their PE kit in school all week. Children need a t-shirt, pair of shorts, jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. Our P.E. days will be Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on these days, thank you.
- Encourage your child to read a little each night. Also, continue to read to them. Regular practice really does make a difference. Try to encourage your child to talk about what they've read and their opinions of it.
- Support the children with their weekly home learning which is based on topics we are doing in school.
- Look in your child's book-bag regularly for letters and information from school.

**Thank you for your continued support with home learning, the children do enjoy sharing things with you and bringing ideas into school. Please feel free to see us about any concerns or questions you may have.**

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