

# Year 1/2 Newsletter

## Dates for your diary!

- 6th November - Inset Day
- 7th November - Wellbeing Day
- 15th - Sea Life Trust Coffee Morning
- 26th November - Christmas Fair
- 29th November - Flu immunisations
- 12th December- Christmas Performance 3:15-4
- 13th December- Christmas Performance 2:15-3
- 21st December- Trip to the Pantomime
- 21st December- End of term

## A message for parents

**Welcome back!**

**We hope you all had a wonderful half term.  
Our driver subject will be History and we are  
very excited to start our new half term.**

Miss Firth and Mrs Hissitt's classes will have PE and Forest Schools on Thursday afternoons. Miss Daykin's class will be on a Monday afternoon. Please bring in PE kits and old trainers or wellies to keep in school. Please can you also send your children in with jumpers, jogging bottoms and waterproofs for the winter months.

Please ensure that children are not bringing toys into school.

If you choose to send your child with a snack from home it needs to be fruit or vegetables.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term is Materials.

In Year 1, we will be learning variety of everyday materials and their simple physical properties.

In Year 2, we will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for different uses as well as that the shapes of solid objects can be changed.

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## History

Our topic in History is The Great Fire of London.

We will be learning that about how the Great Fire of London started and that it destroyed England's capital city but in its place a new London was built. We will also learn about Samuel Pepys' diary and how it gives us a first-hand account of everyday life in London in the 1660s.

## Computing

Our computing topics are: Computing systems and networks. In Year 1 we will be looking at technology around us and in Year 2 IT around us.

We will learn that technology is all around us, and we use it regularly throughout daily life as well as what a computer is made up of.

We will learn that information technology is anything that is a computer, has a computer inside or works with computers and how it can help us.

National Online Safety: Online Reputation and Online Relationships.

## Art

Our Art topic is: Texture and Form

We will learn that Andy Goldsworthy is a sculptor known for using natural materials and creating art that is not meant to last long in its environment. We will then select different materials while thinking about textures of card, paper or natural found materials and using them to overlap and build on our areas of work.

## PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is: Bullying

We will be thinking about how behaviour can affect other children and adults in many ways. We will discuss that sometimes others are unkind to us and who we can get support from as well as building on our own strategies.

## Writing

In Year 1, our Advent writing skills are capital letters and full stops, practising making a sentence, say/write and finger spaces.  
In Year 2, our writing skills are capital letters . ? ! , coordinating conjunctions, past/present tense, statements/questions /commands and expanded noun phrases.  
We will be practising these skills through writing both narratives and non-chronological reports.

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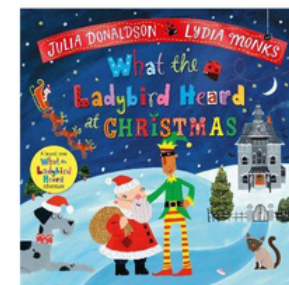
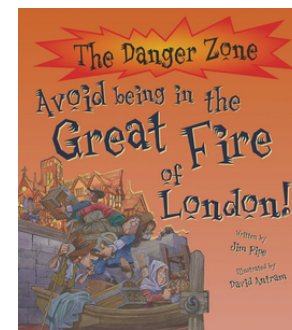
## Maths

In maths, we will be covering a range of topics including: place value, four operations and shape. Children will use a range of concrete objects to secure their understanding.  
The children will develop their understanding of these topics through problem solving and reasoning activities.

## Reading

In Year 1/2 we are going to be reading *The Great Fire of London*.  
We will be practising making predictions, showing our understanding of books and we will know what a non-fiction book is.

## Texts



## RE

Our RE topic this half term is:  
Prophecy and Promise.  
In Year 1, we will be learning who Mary and Jesus are, that Advent is a time for waiting and that during this time we are waiting for the Birth of Jesus.  
In Year 2, children will be learning about Prophet Isaiah and building on our knowledge of baptism with the scripture of Jesus' baptism. We will be looking at the meaning of Advent and how this is a time to prepare for Jesus.

## Music

In Year Y1, our topic is Music is Dance, sing and play. We will learn that music made up of long and short sounds called 'rhythm' and high and low sounds that we call 'pitch'. We will dance, sing, and play instruments with the music and explore these sounds and how they work together.

In Year 2 our topic is Playing in an Orchestra. We will learn that playing together is a very important part of learning music. There are many ensembles, bands and groups you can play in. One of these groups is an orchestra.

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## PE

Our Topic this half term is:  
Gymnastics.

In Year 1, we will be learning how to how to travel, balance, curl, roll, climb and stretch in different ways and will be able to begin to develop balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

In Year 2, we will be learning to plan and show a sequence of movements, showing contrast and will show control of our movements.

## Forest Schools

Forest Schools is a child-centred learning process, providing learner inspired, hands-on experiences in the natural environment.

The children will be given the opportunity to take part in a 1 hour session each week. The session will be child initiated that will run alongside an activity to help develop social and emotional skill while also exploring nature. This half term the children will be continuing to learn the rules of Forest Schools and will enjoy nature arts and crafts.