

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 2 | Autumn Term 1 | 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Pinner Wood and welcome to Year 2. Teaching in Year 2 this year are Miss Thomas, Ms Stephenson and Mrs Young, supported by Miss Randell, Miss Okwechime and Mrs Jain. We are really looking forward to this year because of all the exciting topics and we know the children are so keen to learn! Our talented team will ensure that all learning needs and levels are catered for and everyone has an exciting and productive term back at school.

This half term, our topic is History: **'The Great Fire of London'** and we will be focusing our learning around the key question: ***What have we learnt from past mistakes?***

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

We will be doing a Perform workshop based on the Great Fire of London, where the children will learn about the key places and characters.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

- A virtual tour of Pudding Lane and The Monument using Google Earth.
- Looking at artefacts from the GFoL using The Museum of London website

Our Showcase at the end of the topic will be:

Making our own houses and creating our own Great Fire of London, including a voice over to explain how the fire spread.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others:

Sharing our video with another year group.

Will also share some photos on our X (Twitter) page.

Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

The focus book for English will be *The Wolf's Story*, a retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood from the wolf's perspective. The children will begin by acting out and innovating the original story, before moving on to writing character descriptions. We will be look at adjectives, expanded noun phrases, similes, chronology and interesting sentence openers. There will be a focus on accurate punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.

Maths:

We will start by looking at numbers to 20, counting in 10s and recognising 10s and 1s. We will then partition numbers to 100, before writing them in words. We will look at 10s and 1s on a number line. We will count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, before counting in 3s. Finally we will look at bonds to 10 and 100, and then adding and subtracting.

Science:

Our topic this half term is called *Taking Care* and we will focus on how to eat well, look after yourself by having good hygiene and exercising. We will conduct an experiment to see what happens to our body when we exercise.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-1-fire-of-london.html>
<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgk7>

Books: *The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666: 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1666*

Usborne Young readers: *The Great Fire of London*

Take a trip to visit Pudding Lane by Monument in London to see where in the fire started.

History: Our topic is the *Great Fire of London*. We will learn about how it started, what happened and the importance of Samuel Pepys. We also will learn how the Great Fire of London changed London into the place it is today.

RE: We will have an RE day and take part in a variety of activities to answer the question: '*What makes a home?*' We will focus on Jainism and Hinduism.

Art: The children will learn about how artists like Paul Klee and Lowry use shapes and lines to create different effects. They will then experiment with creating patterns and will create their own imagination homes in a final piece of art.

PE: We will be working on dancing, learning about how to create a character, express emotion using motifs and working in partners. In outdoor PE will be learning about effective jumping techniques and using these in games.

Music: Music lessons will be planned by Mrs Kraft.

PSHE: We will begin with the unit *Hopes and Fears for the Year*. Classes will revisit our Pinner Wood Values and what they look like in Year 2.

Computing: We will be creating an interactive picture on Seesaw, linked to the Great Fire of London.

Reminders:

Reading Record must be brought into school every day. Please make sure to record all reading entries for our reading competition that starts soon!

PE: Will be on Tuesdays (indoors) and Wednesdays (outdoors).

