

# Fire, Fire!

Year 2 - Term 2

November 2018



Welcome back to Term 2 and our exciting new topic! Initially, we will be observing seasonal changes, focusing on autumn and the link with the clocks going back. As part of PSHEE, we will discuss how to keep safe in the dark nights.

We will then be learning about people and events in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, starting with The Gunpowder Plot and the historical significance of Bonfire Night. We will be encouraging an enquiry-based approach to our topic which will involve the children in plenty of discussion through analysing historical evidence and making comparisons between then and now. In English we will be formulating questions and developing writing stamina by using descriptive language to write about real places and events. Our Guided Reading texts will reflect the topic.

In Science this term we will be investigating properties of materials, making predictions and understanding why different materials are used for different purposes. P.E. lessons will focus on Gymnastics and Basketball skills, and R.E. will be Christianity-based this term, considering the importance of the Nativity to Christians. In Art we will focus on observational drawing and the mixing of secondary colours, as well as looking at 17<sup>th</sup> century portraiture. Our ICT lessons will focus on algorithms and how to use them.

## *Supporting your child at home*

Thank you for all the support you are providing at home. This really does make a difference to your child's progress in school. Our **TOP TIPS** to support your child at home are:

- **Reading aloud and lots of discussion about both fiction and factual books** are vital to help your child develop fluency, expression and comprehension skills. Please continue to record all the reading you do at home with your child in their Learning Log.
- **Spellings** – thank you to all those parents who are initialing the front of the spelling booklet and signing the back to show their child is practising at home. Please remember spelling booklets are due in every **Monday** (even if your child is not ready to be tested).
- **Number facts** – competency with number facts will really help your child this term. This includes all number compliments up to 20 (e.g. 9+8, 7+6, etc). We will let you know when we begin x tables.

We are all really pleased at how well the children have settled into Year 2. They all seemed to enjoy our topic last term as we learnt about life cycles, food chains, habitats and adaptation.

We would like to thank you for all your support last term with the Year 2 Cake Sale. We have already used some of the money raised at the cake sale to buy some books and resources to complement the topic and make it more exciting for the children.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

**Miss Bowyer, Miss Brown and Mrs Daniels**

## **Dates for your diary**

- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Open Afternoon and Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of term 2
- 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term 3
- 25<sup>th</sup> January – Rabbits' Collective Worship

