

The Great Fire of London

Welcome back to a new school year! We are really impressed with the way children settled in their new classes. Our first term topic is The Great Fire of London and we are really excited to explore this topic.

English

We will begin by writing personal descriptions. We will be focusing on basic skills like writing in sentences, full stops and capital letters. Later we will be writing letters and character descriptions, where we will learn about using adjectives to help us describe in more detail. Finally, we will be writing finding tales and informal letters.

Reading is a vital skill for learning at White Hall Academy. The best readers are those that read outside of school and are able to talk about what they have read. Please continue to hear your child read daily, and remember to sign their reading record. Children can record any reading that they do in their reading records, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals. This year we will be sending home two reading books, one practise book and one library book for enjoyment. The books will be changed every Thursday or Friday if your child hands their book in and it has been recorded that they read.

Maths

We will start the year looking at place value, working with numbers to 100. We will then work on addition and subtraction with numbers to 100. At home you could support your child to recall number bonds to 10 and 20. It would also be beneficial to recite the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables on a regular basis. Maths is all around us in everyday life. Please help your child by reading the time, counting money and understanding days of the week and the months of the year.

Science and History

They will start the year looking at humans and animals. We will then move on to explore, sort, classify and test different materials; as well as evaluate their uses. They will also be learning about The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys, exploring historical photos and artefacts with a focus on how the Fire Service began.

Computing

We have a focus on internet safety, sharing with the children the importance of staying safe online before moving on to exploring coding in ICT using Purple Mash.

RE

Our focus during RE is Christianity and special people, e.g nurses, police, family before moving on to special symbols and religious stories such as Moses later in the term.

Growth Mindset

We are continuing to promote all of the Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: *determination, effort and never giving up!*

Reflected

This term we will focus on learning a new skill (tying shoe laces) While learning this skill we will focus on analysing how we learn.

Important reminders

Please remember that children need to have their reading book and reading record book as well as a named water bottle in school every day.

PE Days

Children need to come to school wearing PE kit on PE days , so please make sure they wear the correct PE kit. This is a white T-shirt, black shorts/ jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls with their school jumper. Long hair must be tied back and children must either be able to remove their own earrings, or earrings should be removed at home.

2H : Indoor PE on Tuesday (Dance) , PE skill indoor on Thursday

2L: Indoor PE on Tuesday (Dance) , PE skill indoor on Thursday

2SA: Indoor PE on Tuesday (Dance) , PE skill indoor on Thursday

Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/ordering> (Maths games)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37222884> (Great Fire of London)

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting term. Please feel free to ask us via dojos or school email if you would like any additional information. Thank you for all your continued support.

Best Wishes

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