



Class 2JP - Autumn 2

Our topic this half term is "What caused the Great Fire of London?"

Welcome back after the half term break. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this half term.

Homework

Homework will be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Reading

During the first half term, Class 2JP met the 'Must, Could and Challenge' on a number of occasions. I would like to challenge the class to continue this positive achievement. Please continue to support your child's reading at home by listening to them reading a few pages of their home reading book every night; please then sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking a few questions about the book.

PE

Lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has full indoor and outdoor PE kit in school on these days. Children should bring trainers that they can wear for PE outside. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Traditional Tale - Cinderella
- Non-chronological reports
- Stories with a winter theme
- Winter Poems
- Reading and writing during topic lessons

During literacy your child will also be focusing on phonics, sentence punctuation and guided reading.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Calculating
- Multiplication and Division
- Solving Problems
- Reasoning

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for number facts.

Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Animals including humans'. The children will work scientifically by observing, through video or first-hand experiences, and making measurements. The children will investigate how different animals, including humans, grow. The children will be asking and finding out the answers to questions about what things animals need for survival.

RE In RE we will still be continuing the topic 'Belonging'. We will also be learning about the importance of Advent in the Christian calendar.

Music In music the children will be singing songs based on the Christmas story 'Babushka'. The children will also be playing instruments to accompany their singing.

Art/ DT

Our Art and DT will be linked to the theme of the Great Fire of London. The children will design and make a house to recreate Pudding Lane in the classroom. The children will also study different paintings of the Great Fire of London. The children will recreate a scene from the Great Fire of London using pastels.

ICT

During ICT we will also be using the internet to help research information about the Great Fire of London.

The children will also be continuing to develop their programming and debugging skills in a number of different scenarios.

History/Geography In History, we will be trying to answer the question 'What caused the Great Fire of London?' We will be using a range of sources to help us answer the question. We will compare what it would have been like to live in London in the 17th century compared to living in London today.

In Geography, we will use world maps and atlases to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. We will be locating London and using aerial photographs and maps to recognise the landmarks and basic human and physical features. We will be comparing what London was like in 1666 compared to London today.

And finally...

Please feel free to come in to discuss any issues or concerns with myself or Mrs Smithson.

