

## English

In English this term Key Stage 1 will be writing a diary entry in the style of Samuel Pepys, describing a scene during the Great Fire of London. They will be looking at using descriptive language, first person and time connectives to show coherence in their writing structure. Year 2 will also be working towards their reading SATs which will take place before the end of May.

In Reception, children will be enjoying stories following our 'Talk Through Stories' planning, investigating characters, settings and new vocabulary. The focus of our stories will be around journeys and people who help us.

## Maths

All children in Key Stage 1 have been working really hard on their times tables and their progress was clear in their amazing Times tables Rockstar performances last term. We will continue our times tables practise each day this half term, as well as continuing our usual 10-in-10 daily arithmetic. In Year 1, children will be learning more about multiplication and division before moving on to learn about fractions. In Year 2, children will be learning about fractions and time. Year 2 will also be working towards their maths SATs which will take place before the end of May.

In Reception, children will continue to work on their subitising skills and will also be learning to recognise numbers to 20, using objects to represent these.

## D&T:

Following our visit to Whitby Fire Station, Key Stage 1 will be planning and designing a moving fire engine through understanding the terms 'axle', 'axle holder' and 'wheels' and how these should be constructed within their designs. In Reception, children will also be making a vehicle linked to our learning about journeys and people who help us. Children will design their vehicle first, construct this and talk about this to their peers and teacher.

## PSHE:

In PSHE we will be looking closely at how to look after ourselves linked to healthy foods, healthy lifestyles and hygiene. In Reception, we will also be learning about the rules of road safety.

## Science:

This half term Key Stage 1 will be learning all about the human body and naming different parts of the body both inside and out. We will talk about how to keep parts of our body healthy and look in more detail at the process of growth in humans over time.

In Reception, children will be making observations of the natural world through art by drawing pictures of animals of interest. We will talk about where these animals live and also make observations of the plants that we see growing and changing in our immediate environment around school.

## Explorers Class Newsletter

### Summer 1

### The Great Fire of London



## Key Dates

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Class trip to Whitby Fire Station (9:30am – 12:00pm)

Tuesday – PE – Children to wear PE kits to school.

Thursday – Dance – Children to wear PE kits to school.

## History

This half term Key Stage 1 will be focussing on The Great Fire of London. We will re-visit our prior learning to place familiar people and events onto a timeline. We will then learn about where the Great Fire of London fits onto our timeline and significant people who lived during this event, such as King Charles I and Samuel Pepys. Our topic will span the length of the Summer term.

## RE:

This half term we are exploring the question 'Who do Christians say made the world?' and will be studying the story of creation.

## Music:

Key Stage 1 will be exploring orchestral instruments whilst Reception will be moving to, and creating musical stories.

