Our theme this term is: Fire, Fire

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme, ‘Fire’. We will be linking this in most of our subjects. In English we will be doing much fact finding about the Great Fire of London and looking at diary writing through the diary of Samuel Pepys and about Tudor homes. We are hoping to visit a fire station as this will link very well to our topic.

**English**

We will begin our English by looking at stories with repetitive patterns and we will look at Julia Donaldson’s book Zog this is always a favourite with the children. We will then focus on a range of non – fiction books and produce a super class information book all about the Great Fire of London. I am hopeful of some super writing following our work on the Great Fire as children do find this fascinating. Finally, we will produce some poems on the fire theme.

**Numeracy**

We will be covering shape, addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topics where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations.

**Forest School**

The children will be having sessions in the Forest School led by Mrs Murray, there will be more details to follow on the activities the children will be partaking in. Every Thursday please bring a pair of wellies and a spare pair of warm clothing for your child as you know Mrs Murray is always keen to get the children in Forest School whatever the weather.

**Humanities**

History will be our focus this half term and we will concentrate on learning all about the Great Fire of London, How did this happen? Why did it spread so fast? What London was like at the time of the fire. The differences today in our Capital and how London was rebuilt.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the Foundation Stage will be concentrating on people who help us and in particular the fire service for the first two weeks. They will look at fire safety, understanding the school fire drill. Then the children will be looking at castles, queens, kings and knights. In the role play area we will have a fire engine and the small world will be a castle, with knights. The children will be given the opportunity to dress up as fire fighters. The children will also be looking at wood as an everyday material and its many uses.

**Art and Design Technology**

This half term the children will be taking part in Design Technology and for the first few weeks the children will design and make a Tudor home with levers that make flames pop up.

Then the children will look at and understand how mechanisms work and will produce Pop up card with simple card levers, the end result will hopefully be a fantastic Christmas card. Early years will be taking part in lots of craft activities focusing around Bonfire night and fireworks involving firework printing and marbling.

**Music**

This half term the children will be continuing with the Charanga music scheme, learning Christmas Carols and of course the songs for the Christmas performance which has such upbeat fabulous songs to learn. I know you will all enjoy very much.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

In PE lessons the children will have dance sessions with Marie and continue practising their fundamental movement skills with myself and Miss Ormerod. I will also be running a gymnastics club after school on Wednesday. The children will also be having balance ability sessions in School we will let you know the dates for the balance ability nearer the time.

**RE**

In our RE lessons the children will be looking at God and the creation of the world and then Christmas understanding why we give and receive gifts as Jesus was a gift from God.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this half term we will begin with a well being day on the 31st of October as it is National Children’s well being day, we will also look at anti-bullying over the week commencing 14th of November the theme is ‘get heard speak out’. On the 14th of November we ask you to put your children in odd socks for the day as we aim to look at diversity and equality. Our PSHE theme is rights and respects this term.

***Things to bring in***

* Any books/items linked to our learning this term.
* If you have any items that could be borrowed for our role play area we would be very grateful.
* Reminder – PE is on Tuesday and Thursday ( please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and a pair of warm joggers and hoody)
* Forest School is on Thursday so please bring in warm clothes and wellies
* Please continue to listen to your child read daily.
* Practise their daily phonics and revise all the phonics in their home phonics book
* Please assist your child learning their weekly words or spellings, **the Year 1 and 2 children have their spelling test on Thursday.**
* All children need a water bottle in school labelled or identifiable.

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term.**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Ormerod**