

'The Great Fire of London'

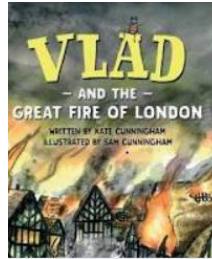
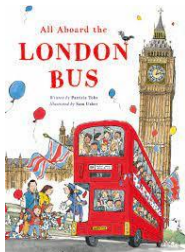
Squirrel Class Newsletter Term 3 2023



Dear Parents,

Our new topic is The Great Fire of London. We will begin the term looking at London and how it has changed through history. We will be looking at the events of the Great Fire and looking closely at how people lived at that time. We will also be looking at historical figures such as Samuel Pepys.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Questions to ask at home:

- When was the Great Fire of London?
- How is London different today than it was in that time?
- Why did the fire spread so quickly?
- What equipment is inside a fire engine?
- How would you call the fire brigade if you needed them?

Home Learning Tasks


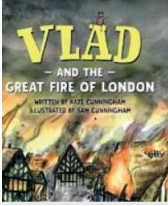

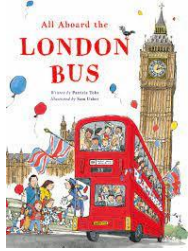

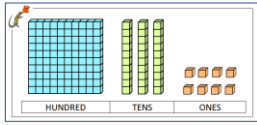











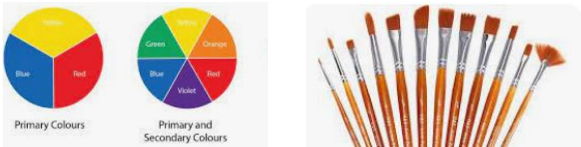

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Make some bread or cakes with your family, just like they would have done in the Pudding Lane Bakery.
- Find out about houses in 1666 - what caused them to catch fire so quickly? Were there any other reasons that the fire spread?
- What is the monument in London City?

Could you design your own fire engine using your own building materials at home? (Lego, junk modelling, building blocks etc.) Take a photo of your creations and let us see how you got on! It would be great to share this learning in our 'Show and Tell' time on a Friday.

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focused activities and group work.

Learning Map Term 3

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Non Fiction text</p> 	<p>Narrative</p> 	<p>Recount</p> 	<p>Poetry</p> 
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Multiplication</p> 	<p>Number and place value</p> 	<p>Money</p> 	
<p>Science</p>	<p>Seasons</p> 			
<p>History & Geography</p>	<p>Landmarks</p> 	<p>Human and physical features</p> 	<p>The Great fire of London</p> 	<p>Samuel Pepys - Diary writing</p> 
<p>ICT</p>	<p>E-Safety</p> 		<p>Coding</p> 	
<p>PSHE</p>		<p>Dreams and Goals</p>		
<p>Art and DT</p>	<p>Painting skills and artists</p> 			
<p>RE</p>	<p>Understanding Christianity: creation</p> 			

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your reading records. During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they have read, comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Children can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.</p>
Phonics Year 1	<p>Children in year 1 will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences and spellings we will have covered during the previous week. There isn't a formal spelling test in Year 1, however there are 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with the Little Wandle scheme we follow at school.</p>
Phonics/ spelling Year 2	<p>Children in Year 2 will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules they will have been taught during the week on a Monday, there will be an optional test on the following Monday.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be returned on the following Monday. The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week. The children now have a Times Tables Rock Star account which they can use to practise their times tables at home.</p>

Useful Websites to support learning

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - Phonics and Spelling games

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/great-fire-london>

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdyhn9q/articles/z4msn9q>

Additionally, the children have access to a wealth of activities on Purple Mash. The children have their logins stuck inside their reading records should you need it.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please can you make sure your child's jumper has their name inside.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE is on **Mondays** but PE kits should be in every day as we sometimes have other active sessions throughout the week.
- Our first Forest school session will be on **Wednesday 11th January**.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to come and speak to any member of the team if you have any questions,

Mr Lulham and Mrs Cousens