

# Oulton Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing Christmas.

Our Topic this term is Fire! We will be looking at the events of the Great Fire of London, which will give the children excellent links to their previous topic of the UK, allowing them to make comparisons between London in the past and London today.

Here is some information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<p><b>English</b></p> <p>We will continue to have daily Read, Write, Inc sessions, allowing children to apply and build on their phonic knowledge for reading and writing. For children in Year 1 they will continue to bring home weekly spellings to learn.</p> <p>The whole school will be undertaking a 6 week project on improving handwriting, letter formation and presentation on work, so please look out for whole school newsletters with further information about these.</p> <p>We will be learning the story 'How the Robin Got His Red Breast' and using this to create our own stories.</p> <p><b>The children need to read every day at home.</b></p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be looking at addition and subtraction with numbers to 20, before moving on to understanding place value for numbers to 50 (year 1).</p> <p>The children will continue to apply their Mathematical knowledge using their early morning Maths Mats.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Children will investigate different materials, deciding what objects are made out of.</p> <p>We will be discussing the properties of materials and using these to classify objects.</p> <p>We will be performing simple experiments to find out if materials are waterproof, strong, flexible etc.</p>
<p><b>PSHE:</b> People who help us. We will be looking at people that are important to us and how they help us. We will be thinking about how we can help others in the community of the school and further afield.</p>		
<p><b>Topic: Fire!</b></p> <p>We will be creating a timeline of the events leading up to the 'Great Fire of London'. We will be creating our own diary entries as a child living in Pudding Lane at the time of the fire. We will be using what we have learnt in Science to think about what materials would have been available at the time of the fire and using these to create our own houses on Pudding Lane.</p> <p>The highlight of our topic will be being able to see just how quickly the fire spread as we burn our very own Pudding Lane!</p>		

### **Helpful Websites**

Lots of you have expressed an interest in websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

#### **Maths**

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

#### **English**

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

#### **Topic**

[www.fireoflondon.org.uk](http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=great%20fire%20of%20london>

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel\\_pepys/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/my-story-fire-of-london-quiz>

### **Books and Book Bags**

Thank you for reading with your children regularly at home. It is important that your child reads at home everyday. When you have read with your child if you could write a short comment about how they did, that would be fantastic. The children are able to change their books as soon as we know they have been finished. A reminder that book bags need to be in school every day so that important letters can be sent home in them and not get lost.

### **P.E Kits**

Our P.E sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon, but again could P.E bags please be brought to school on a Monday and left in school until a Friday in case they are needed on another day.

### **Drinks**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday.

### **Student Teacher**

We are fortunate enough to welcome Miss Broughton to Oulton Class from 15<sup>th</sup> January. Miss Broughton is currently completing her PGCE at the University of East Anglia and the children are very excited to be able to work with her.

As always you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

YR/1 Team: Miss Titmarsh, Mrs Spencer and Ms Simpson.