



Year 2 Autumn Term 1

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 2! I hope you all had a fantastic summer. This is going to be a wonderful half term, where children will get to know the new staff members they are working with, as well as learning lots and having fun! We have lots of exciting events planned for Autumn term so please ensure you make a note of any dates. Also, remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at @GPSHolly for regular updates of what we get up to in Year 2!

Important Dates:

Monday 5th September – Virtual Author Visit and Great Fire of London topic launch day

Wednesday 7th September – Meet the teacher evening – 4.30pm

Tuesday 27th September – M&M Productions - The Secret Garden

Wednesday 12th October- Harvest Festival at Trinity Church (parents invited)

Thursday 13th October – Year 2 Class assembly – 9.05am (parents invited)

Friday 21st October – Key Stage1 Parents topic morning

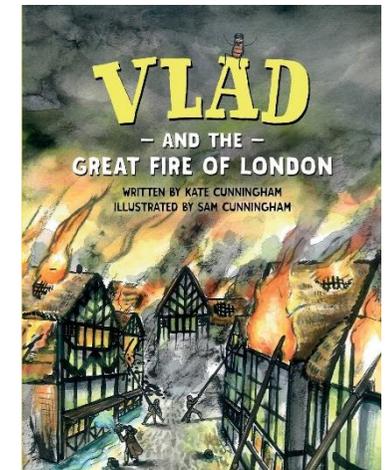
Phonics

In Phonics we use a Government approved scheme called Phonics Shed. Children will be starting Chapter 4, and will include the sounds - ay (day) ou (out) ie (tie) ea (east) oy (boy) ir (girl) ue (blue) aw (saw) wh (when) ph (photo) ew (new) oe (toe) au (Paul) Split digraphs a-e (make) o-e (these) i-e (like)

English

Initially, in English this half term we will be focusing on writing linked to our new topic of The Great Fire of London. We will be virtually meeting an author called Kate Cunningham who will be reading and performing her book, 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. We will then be using the book to write stories as if we are Vlad the Flea and escaping the Great Fire.

We will also be using our knowledge of The Great Fire of London to write and perform news articles and broadcasts. Children will be using skills learned in class such as accurate punctuation, correct tense and using expanded noun phrases to write detailed reports about the fire. We will also be using our knowledge and learning new speaking and listening skills to write and perform news broadcasts, linking our learning to computing skills by using a green screen and the iPads to record and share the broadcast.



Reading

In Year 2, each afternoon we enjoy a story and a poem! We will be using Mrs Clayton's Mystery Book Box to read a range of short texts and using the poem anthology 'A First Poetry Book', to read and perform a range of poetry types. Reading books will continue to be changed weekly and remember to complete the reading challenge to be in with a chance of winning a token for the book vending machine! Weekly 'tricky words' will also be sent home to practice.

Maths

In maths this half-term we will be focusing on using place value and number. We will be consolidating the Year 1 learning of recognising and using numbers to 50 and then progressing to numbers to 100. As well as comparing numbers, we will be using lots of different equipment and apparatus to represent numbers in a variety of ways. We will then be applying our new number learning to adding and subtracting numbers within 0 to 100 and using equipment to solve reasoning problems.

Science

In Science this half term we will be starting the topic; 'Everyday Materials'. We will be testing the purpose and suitability of different materials by investigating which materials we can change by bending twisting and stretching and how absorbent a material is. We will be linking our investigations to our topic of 'The Great Fire of London' by trying to work out what materials would be the best to keep our precious items safe during a fire. Just like Samuel Pepys did when he buried his wine and cheese.

RE

This half term in RE we will be looking at Christianity and the question, 'Does how we treat the world matter?' The children will look at how we treat the world and what we could do to make it a better place especially within our own communities. We will also look at the creation story using art and drama to recreate the beginning of creation.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will be learning how to foster and maintain friendships with the important people in their life.

Music

In music we will learning to sing and perform 'London's Burning'. Children will learn to how sing the sing and play the introduction on the ocarina.

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London!'. As well as learning about the events of the fire, children will be learning why the first started and how it spread to quickly. We will introduce the historical term 'source' and discuss which sources of evidence have helped us learn about the fire. Along with a visit from the Chorley Fire Service, children will compare and contrast firefighters now and firefighters in 1666 and how they have changed.

In Geography children will be identifying London on a map and using online software called 'Digimap' to locate London and its features such as the river Thames, Pudding Lane and other landmarks linked to the Great Fire.



Art

In art the focus this half term will be printing. Using a variety of everyday objects and printing paint, children will print overlapping patters to create a London landscape depicting The Great Fire.

Computing

In computing we will concentrating on using the iPads to create and publish a short news broadcast. We will be learning skills of recording, editing and sharing as well learning to use a green screen as a background.

PE

In PE we will learning fundamental movement skills. We will be focusing on effective technique when jumping, running and throwing. We will be applying these skills to small sided games. **P.E days will be: Thursday**