

### English Learning

We will be learning to:

- Write questions about an event that happened in the past – The Great Fire of London
- Create an information leaflet with questions and historical information with an exciting layout
- Write a recount of an event that we have taken part in by explaining what happened in a logical order
- Write a fictional diary account (based on diary accounts from the time of the Great Fire of London) including immersive description based on drama work

### Mathematical Learning

This term we are focusing on:

\* Addition and subtraction:

- developing our knowledge of number bonds
- learning various practical, written and mental strategies for adding and subtracting two-digit numbers

\* Time:

- telling the time on analogue clocks to the nearest quarter hour

\* Money:

- recognising coins and use them to pay prices
- finding different combinations of coins that add up to the same amount
- adding prices and giving change

### PSHE Learning

We will be continuing our understanding of friendships, good manners and dealing with loss and grief. We will be learning about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing. We will be exploring strategies to manage different emotions, setting goals and developing a growth mindset.



### Scientific Learning

Our topic is "Animals, including humans". We will learn:

- \* How baby animals change as they grow into adults
- \* How humans change throughout different stages of our lives and what we need at each stage
- \* What the animals that we look after need to stay healthy
- \* What we need to stay healthy, including healthy eating, exercise and keeping clean
- \* To carry out an experiment to find out if the tallest children always have the biggest feet



### Art / DT Learning

Our art this half term is based around the Great Fire of London. We will be developing our skills with chalk pastels and experimenting with visual elements, line, shape, pattern and colour. We will also create firework collages for bonfire night and Christmas cards to give to parents/carers.

### Music Learning

Our music topic for this half term is "How Does Music Teach Us About the Past?" and will focus on dynamics and tempo. We will also be rehearsing for our Christmas play.

### Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be learning about the Christian concept of incarnation and asking "Why Christmas matters to Christians?" We will learn about:

- \* The events of the Christmas story
- \* Why Jesus' birth is special to Christians
- \* How the events of the Nativity story demonstrate that Jesus is special

### Computing Learning

We will be learning about word processing and how to stay safe online as well as developing touch typing skills. They will be introduced to important keyboard shortcuts, as well as simple editing tools within a word processor including bold, italics, underline and font colour as well as how to import images.

### PE Learning

In outdoor PE, will be playing invasion games and learning the skills of ball control and use of space around an opponent.





### How can you help?

- 📖 Continuing to listen to your child read regularly and, especially, discussing the text and recording how they have got on in their diaries.
- Continue to practise the monster words that we send home as the phonics check will be this half term.
- 📖 Lots of regular practice of counting in 1s, 10s, 2s, 5s, and 3s, forwards and backwards.

### Events/trips planned for this half term:

- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisation Programme
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Event
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Panto in School
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play to parents 2pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play to parents 9:30am
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service 6pm

We really need volunteer readers so the children can get as many chances to read in school as possible. Please contact your child's teacher if you or a family member can help for even just an hour a week.

If you have any queries please **message us on SeeSaw** or email us at [cherry@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk](mailto:cherry@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk) or [willow@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk](mailto:willow@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk)

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## Year 2 Learning

### Autumn 2

Last term, we had a fantastic start to the year learning about castles in our “Turrets and Talons” topic. The children loved the trip to Arundel Castle. We found out about weapons in the armoury and life in general living in a castle.

This half term we enjoyed the Rainbow Theatre Company helping us to learn about the Great Fire of London – how it started, where and when it began, how we know about it and if there was anything good that came out of it.

Our school value focus for this half term is Love.

### Autumn Term Topic: The Great Fire of London

This half term we are learning about the Great Fire of London.

We had a great start to our term with an exciting drama workshop organised by the Rainbow Theatre Group.

The children got a chance to act out a role and learn about how the fire started, why it spread so rapidly, how people responded and how the fire ended. They also discovered how we know what happened during the fire and how London was rebuilt differently in the aftermath.

