



Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls



Year 1/2 News



Welcome back!

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you have all had a lovely restful summer holidays and all of the children are ready and raring to go! We have lots of very exciting things happening this term and cannot wait to get started!

Autumn Term 1 2015 Important Dates

This term's Topic: The Great Fire of London



We are starting the year by learning all about the Great Fire of London! This is an excellent topic that will be sure to get the children really engaged at the beginning of the new school year! We will be learning about how life was different in 1666 and why the fire spread so quickly. We are planning lots of exciting activities that will hopefully bring the learning to life!

September:

9th- Phonics lessons start today!
10th- Homework books sent home
18th- INSET day
29th- EYFS/ KS1 Phonics workshop 6-7pm

October:

5th/6th/7th- Phonics demo workshops.
7th- PTFA film night
19th- Harvest festival
19th- Parent consultations
22nd-Parent consultations

Homework

Due to the success of last years new homework system, we will be continuing it this year! Each child will have their own homework book with an activity sheet stuck in. There will be a year 1 activity sheet and a separate year 2 sheet. Year 2's will finish off their books from last year before beginning a new one.

English, Maths and Science

English– In English this term, children will be basing their work around stories set in schools and other familiar settings. We will also be spending some of our lesson time enhancing our instructional writing skills. Children will continue to learn about the Great Fire of London through our English lessons too by writing witness accounts, diary entries and newspaper reports!



Maths– Year 1/2 children will be learning many new strategies this term as well as consolidating ones learnt last year. We will have a jam-packed term learning all about number and place value, addition and subtraction, measurement (length and height and money) geometry and a week to assess and review all that we have learnt. Children will be participating in lots of problem solving activities to help them apply all that they have learnt.

Science– we have got a very busy half term in science with lots of exciting things to learn and experiment with! We will begin the term by looking at the forces we experience in everyday life such as push, pull and friction. We will then move on to learn all about everyday electrical appliances. Children will learn about simple series circuits involving batteries, wires and bulbs. We will also be experimenting with magnets too!

Music, Art, R.E, P.E and PSHE

Music– Children will be exploring pitch. Children will experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

Art– In Art we will be creating chalk and charcoal pictures to fit in with our humanities topic.

RE– Children will be thinking about 'what does it mean to belong?' and exploring different ways of life and religion.

P.E– Children will be developing their throwing and catching skills. They will also participate in team games, developing simple tactics of attacking and defending.

PSHE– Children will be exploring 'Changes' that occur as we grow up. They will reflect on the changes so far in their lives and consider future stages of growth



Computing

During computing lessons this term, we will be focussing on navigating our way around a laptop and ipad. We will be exploring the various parts of the computer, learning their proper names and uses. Children will also have a go at completing and editing a PowerPoint presentation based on our topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.



Parent

If you are a parent/carer who can spare even an hour each week, you are very welcome to come in and be an extra pair of hands. We are also very appreciative of any helpers that can support us on class trips during the year. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to help at any point during the term. This could be to help in the classroom, help with displays or hear readers. Let us know what you would prefer to do!



Bug Club (accessible on tablets too!)

As your child has changed year groups they will be getting a new login for Bug Club. New login details will be stuck in reading diaries as quickly as possible so that they can enjoy this excellent resource at home! If you do not have internet access at home to use Bug Club then please inform your child's class teacher so that we can make arrangements for them to use it in school time. If you have any questions or queries then please contact Miss Lynch, Miss Cox or Miss Peel.



Rapid Number Recall

As you may already know, Years 1-6 practise their mental maths skills by taking part in Rapid Number Recall on a daily basis. All year 1 children start on the same step (1.6). To move onto the next step they must complete the test 100% correctly 3 times. To keep track of your child's progress, check their reading diary where their current step will be stuck in!

**Please
remember to
bring in reading
diaries every
day!**

****Wanted!!****

Kingfishers, Little Owls and Robins class will be needing lots of cardboard for some up and coming lessons. We would really appreciate any kind donations of any unwanted cardboard to help make our lessons really fun! Please take any cardboard to your child's class teacher and all will be revealed shortly.... :)



P.E times

Please ensure your child has their P.E on their peg at all times. (Just in case there is a change to the normal timetable!) Each classes P.E slots are as follows

Robins: Friday a.m

Kingfishers: Tuesday a.m

Little Owls: Tuesday p.m

Swimming Times

Please note when your child is swimming:

Robins: Tuesday PM

Kingfishers: Wednesday **AM**

Little Owls: Wednesday **PM**

As always, we are extremely grateful to any parent/ carer that can help with swimming lessons. If you are interested in helping then please contact your child's class teacher.