



Year 1 Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1: Mon 13 April - Fri 22 May



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are settling back into the routine this week.

Phonics and reading: The **phonics screening for Year 1 will be held in June**, and is therefore fast approaching! Over the coming weeks, the children will revisit all of the graphemes included in the check. We will also revisit familiar words and alien words so that the children are fully prepared. Please continue to read regularly with your child as this builds confidence and will best prepare them for the check.



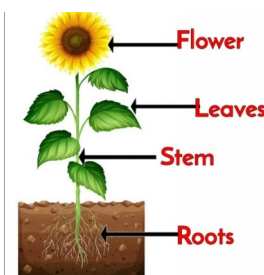
English: In English we are going back to 1666 to explore the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring this topic using 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis. We've selected some additional high-quality books that link to our English units and help stretch and inspire our writers, especially those working at Greater Depth. Parents who wish to support reading at home may find the following titles particularly beneficial:

- *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* – Narrative approach supports story-based recounts.
- *Toby and the Great Fire of London* – Builds cause and consequence understanding.
- *London's Burning* – Supports fact-file writing and vocabulary.

History: This half term we are embarking on the History unit, 'The Great Fire of London'. We will focus on how the fire changed our country particularly with regards to an introduction of the fire service. To support our learning, we will be **visiting Temple Newsam on the 12th of May** to take part in a Great Fire of London workshop. We will explore a 300 year old fire engine, dress-up as Charles II and tour the awe-inspiring house looking for clues that tell us about life in 1666. The deadline for payment (which also covers permission) and packed lunch orders is 5th May.

Science: Our Science learning question this half term is 'What grows in the ground?'. This will include describing the basic structure of plants.

RE: In RE we will be answering the big question 'What makes some places sacred to believers?'. We will be looking at different holy buildings and objects and thinking about how we show respect for these things.



Routines: PE days are still on Monday and Tuesday. A reminder that children need to bring their **reading books** to school **every day** and will receive a book each week to read at home. Please can all parents check that they do not have any extra reading books at home. This includes **library books**, which we change on **Fridays**.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Whitaker and Mrs Booth