

# KEY STAGE 1 AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER 2017

**Welcome back!** We hope you had a great week and remembered to turn your clocks back an hour!



Last term seemed to fly by in the blink of an eye. Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening; it was great to see you all. Hedgehogs will have parents evening shortly- details will be sent out separately, therefore please keep an eye out for letters in your child's wallet.

## What is happening this term?

The answer to this question is...lots! Our topic this term is Fire! Fire! We asked the children what they would like to learn about within this topic and they said:

- How does fire start?
- How does water make fires go out?
- How is fire used to melt things?
- How does fire spread?
- What do fire fighters do?
- What happened in the Great Fire of London- did the bridge burn down?
- What do we do if we see a fire?



When planning our lessons we have tried to include as many aspects as possible in order to help the children to find the answers to their questions.

Subjects	Coverage/ Curriculum content
English	Fireworks/ Fire poems, instructions, labels and captions, story writing, diary writing Christmas stories
Maths	Number & Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Measurement- Time, Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Y2- Statistics
Science	Everyday materials, seasonal changes and weather
RE	Who is a Jew and what do they believe? Daniel and the Lion's Den Christmas
Art	Exploring fire artwork and creating fire artwork, using silhouettes
Design & Technology	Designing and making 3D Tudor houses. <b>BOXES NEEDED, PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR INFORMATION</b>
PSHE	Feelings and emotions
PE	Indoor: Fire dance Outdoor: Multi-skills
History	Changes over time- The Great Fire of London/ Firefighting
Computing	Using Purple Mash
Music	Fire music/ Ho ho ho

## BOXES NEEDED!

As mentioned above we will be making 3D Tudor houses as part of our topic this term.

Please turn a box inside out and secure it with **MASKING TAPE** (masking tape is essential as it can be painted, any other tape cannot be painted).

Then send this into school with your child. These must be in school by 17<sup>th</sup> November ready for our Design and Technology lesson the following week. Your support with this will make a difference to your child.

## Blogs

We love to share information with you about what the children have been learning at school. One of the ways in which we do this is by entering blogs onto our school website. You can find the following blogs from last term:

[Dressing up Deer](#)

[Scientific Badgers](#)

[Artistic Rabbits](#)

[Thoughtful Hedgehogs](#)

Keep an eye on the website as we will have plenty to share with you this term too.

## Diary Dates

1<sup>st</sup> November: Fire talks- Y2

17<sup>th</sup> November: Whole school: Children in Need 'where something spotty' and donation

24<sup>th</sup> November: Whole school non uniform day + donations for the Friends of Beech Lane Community Project

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November: Y2 production (9:30am)

4<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school 'wear something festive' and donation for the Christmas Fayre

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December: Y1 Nativity (9:30am)

8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre

12<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 & 2 Church visit

15<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1&2 Christmas party



## What does a school day look like in Year 1 & 2?

We have been asked by a few parents about what the school day looks like for our wonderful Year 1 & 2 children, therefore we thought we would share a typical week with you- although a typical week can look a little different once we start rehearsing for our performances!

8:50	9:00	10:05	10:30	10:45	11:15	12:15
Register	Lesson 1	Worship	Break	Letters and Sounds (Y1 & 2) No-nonsense spelling (Y2)	Lesson 2	Lunchtime

1:15	1:20	2:15	2:30	3:25	In addition we also have star of the day/ celebrations/ story time threaded throughout the week. Friday lesson 4 is <b>Golden Time</b> .
Register	Lesson 3	break	Lesson 4	Home time	

### Performances

Year 2 will be performing The Great Fire of London this term. (See diary dates above.) Costume letters and lines have already been sent home. If you haven't received a letter, or have misplaced it please write a message in your child's home/school diary and a new letter will be sent home.

Year 1 will be performing 'Busy Busy Bethlehem' this term. (Please see the diary dates above for details.) Most costumes will be provided by school. If your child does require specific items such as tights, then we will send a letter home. We will also be sending home the lines for those children who have speaking parts.

Let the rehearsals begin!

### Christmas Party

We will send information regarding the Christmas party nearer the time.

Please keep a look out for details which will be sent in your child's wallet.



### Lea Green- Year 2 Residential

This is an exciting trip which is loved every year by the year 2 children. This year we are happy to announce that key information will be shared with you following the Year 2 performances. All we ask is that you stay in the hall for 10 minutes to hear the key information, so that we can start to plan for this year's trip (which will take place Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018)

### A Plea from the Year 1 & 2 team

Children should now be coming into class independently in a morning as they now know where they are going and need to build on developing their independence.

It is vital that the start of the day is calm with children completing their morning tasks whilst the register is completed. This time has an impact on the first lesson and TA time as they all start working with individuals at 8:50am. If they are busy with parents, then the children cannot have the support which has been planned for them.

Therefore we would like to remind parents/ carers that if you would like to pass on a message to a member of staff please record this in your child's home/school diary and ask your child to hand it to the teacher. Please speak to a member of staff in the morning only if the message is urgent/ serious.

### Parent Helpers

If you would like to come in and help hear readers, carry out admin tasks etc... for an hour/morning/afternoon then please write in your child's home/school diary. We currently have a few regular parent helpers in, but would love to hear from you as we always have plenty of jobs to share!

### Good News...

The Read-a-thon books will be coming soon!

