

Year Two



Great Fires

Autumn 2 2020

The focus of our work for this half-term will be 'Great Fires'

ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

During this half term our class novel is:

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

The children will be writing their own stories based on a mermaid story and a recount.

We will be focussing on our handwriting, making a real effort to begin to join our letters not only in our handwriting books but in other writing too.

MATHEMATICS-Money and Measurements

Addition and subtraction of 1 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers before moving onto 2 digits add 2 digits and 2 digits take away 2 digits.

We will focus on recognition of the different coins and how to use them in real-life situations. We will look at how to make amounts in a variety of different ways. We are ensuring we are secure in our 10x and 5x tables.

SCIENCE-Animals & Plants

We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)

We are going to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants

HISTORY-Gunpowder Plot

The children will find out all about the 'Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle' as a significant event in their own locality as well as the 'Great Fire of London'

DT-Making Christmas Tree hangings

The children will be learning how to use junior hacksaws in order to make their own Christmas hanging.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School activities will continue where possible this half term. We will be learning fire safety and will be cooking over the fire. Please ensure your child has a hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and waterproof coat. A text will be sent from school to notify parents when the session will take place.

RE ACTIVITIES

In RE we will be looking at Hinduism, engaging in a storytelling session provided by Gem Arts. Our two main topics are Advent and Christmas giving the children opportunity to understand the meaning of the celebration of Christmas.

PE-Awareness and Dance

This half term, PE will normally occur on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

LEARNING AT HOME

- Spellings (given every Monday for a test on Friday). This test may include extra words which follow the same pattern as the words sent home.
- A reading book to read to an adult at home at least three times per week.
- Please ensure you hand-in the reading record on a **Thursday/Friday** each week. Please don't hand in the reading record any earlier.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office
Mrs Gardner