



Willow Newsletter Spring 2023

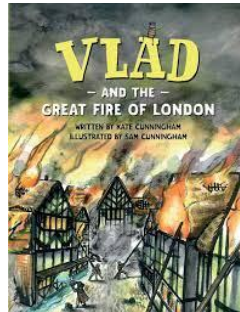


We hope you had a wonderful break over the festive period and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

You can contact me directly through email or Class Dojo but please do not send anything urgent as I do not always pick up emails during the school day.

Our topic this term is **‘FURIOUS FIRE.’** Children will learn about the Great Fire of London and the diarist Samuel Pepys. To enhance our learning, we will participate in a drama workshop. We will also get to experience a Science workshop and learn how to carry out a simple experiment safely and fairly.

Some of the texts we will use to enhance children’s learning are ...



Reminders

Children must have a bottle containing water, NOT squash.

We go outside to play whatever the weather so a coat is essential.

Please let us know if your child is being collected by anyone other than yourselves.

Bookbags are just for books please do not attach accessories. If your child needs to bring in belongings, such as a change of clothes, please put them in a drawstring bag which can be hung on their peg.

Subject	How you can help at home
<p>Literacy This term we will work on letter formation and as our phonics lessons progress, children will be able to use their phonetic knowledge to write labels, lists and captions.</p>	<p>Support your child to write their name correctly. We will send home a card with the formation which we use in class. Download the Letter Join app for tablets or use it online on a laptop. There are patterns for those children not yet forming letters, letters and words for those who are now writing clearly. Visit Letter Join the username is lj6130. PW on desktop is home, on a tablet swipe L.</p>
<p>Phonics Phonics lessons are taught daily using the scheme Supersonic Phonic Friends. This term we move onto phase 3 which contains digraphs and trigraphs.</p>	<p>New pink books will come home, they will contain a helpful glossary of all the terminology we use as well as the new sounds. Please use the books daily as part of your reading routine. This will build confidence and consolidate the learning happening in school. Repetition is the key to success in phonics and early reading so we appreciate all you do at home to support us.</p>

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<p>Mathematics</p> <p>This term we will compare numbers and develop our understanding of 1 more and 1 less. Children will develop their reasoning skills and will be able to explain why they would choose a box containing 6 sweets rather than a box containing 3. We will be working with numbers to 10 and will start exploring the composition of numbers.</p>	<p>As we begin each unit of maths teaching we will send home a 'Talk About' sheet. You do not have to work through it all. There are ideas to support your child's mathematical understanding. Target books will be updated so you can see how your child progresses. Count and compare everyday objects as often as you can and play counting games.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>This term we will explore materials and discover what their individual properties are. Children will have the opportunity to carry out simple tests and experiments. We will explore the story of the 3 Little Pigs and try and build our own wolf proof house.</p>	<p>Talk about the different materials household items and toys are made from. Help your child distinguish between the object and what it is made from. We will be doing experiments with objects that float or sink. Bath time might be a fun way to explore this concept.</p>
<p>History</p> <p>Children will learn about the Great Fire of London and the diarist Samuel Pepys.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>We are going to learn about London and its famous landmarks.</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>We will explore the colour wheel and identify warm and cold colours before creating a silhouette of the Great Fire of London.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>We will participate in cooking lessons on Friday mornings. Children will also have opportunities to practise their joining skills by creating junk models before making their own Tudor house.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>This term we will be participating in gymnastics lessons with our sports coach. In addition to this children will be working on their catching and throwing skills.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Using musical compositions inspired by the Elements, children will move in time to music. They will also learn to play musical instruments to accompany songs and stories.</p>
<p>RE</p> <p>We will try and find answers to the following questions. How can we help others when they need it and why do Christians put a cross in the Easter garden? We will have our own mini Chinese New Year celebration in class and of course try pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.</p>	<p>PSED</p> <p>For the first half of this term we will look at feelings and how to manage difficult emotions such as anger and worry. After half term we will find out about people that help us including the fire and rescue service.</p>
<p>Forest School</p> <p>We will start Forest School after half term, weather allowing. Instead the mornings will have a DT focus.</p>	

Monday PM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
RE PE	Art/DT	Science Music	Topic PSED	PE Fine motor control Reading