

## Dates for your diary

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Christmas Fair (11am - 1pm)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Production (2pm & 6pm)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Whole school Pantomime Trip

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Chester Zoo trip

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

End of term

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions or book an appointment to see me after school.

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With best wishes,

Mrs Obertelli and the Year 1 team

# Year 1

Our topic is

## London's Burning



Autumn Term 2 2018

## Class News

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a great half term break. This half term will be full of lots of events, including a trip to Chester Zoo, the whole school trip to the pantomime and our Christmas production. This half term the children will be bringing home a weekly spelling list of 6 words. An overview of the spellings has been sent home with this booklet. They will need to practise reading and writing these words as well as choosing two to put into a sentence. The spellings will be sent home with homework on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday, when the children will be tested. Homework will be a variety of phonics, maths and english based tasks. Homework is sent to consolidate any learning that may have taken place the previous week. As we are sending spellings home, reading books will now be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday.

### London's Burning

Our topic this half term is London's Burning. Before the holidays the children learnt about the countries and capital cities that make the United Kingdom. We will now focus on London and create an information leaflet. Following this we will learn about The Great Fire of London and create a timeline of events. We will create art work about the event and our own Pudding Lane. To complete our topic, we will compare past and present day London. **If the children have any books/information they would like to share about this topic, please feel free to bring them into school.**

### English

During this half term we will be creating our own 'Dear Zoo' stories, writing poems and looking at information texts. The main focus throughout these units is to remind the children of the importance of capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops. A key objective for Year 1 is that they can say, and hold in memory whilst writing, simple sentences that make sense. We encourage the children to think of their sentence, say it out loud and then write it down. Another focus this half term is letter formation. Ensuring letters are formed correctly and are the right size. Please encourage the use of the letter formation rhymes that were given out at parents evening.

### Reading

Reading books will now be changed every Monday and Thursday. If a book is not yet finished it will be changed the next book changing day. The children will read individually to an adult once a week and they will also participate in a guided reading session. Please try to read each day with your children and write this into their reading record, along with any comments about how they are finding it, etc. Reading includes asking key questions about the text as well as making predictions and talking about how characters are feeling.

### Maths

Maths this half term will focus on a variety of topics. We will start with place value and subtraction before moving on to fractions, weight, money and time. As well as these topics we will continue to count forwards and backwards to 100 and count in twos, fives and tens.

### Science

Animals, including humans is our topic in Science this half term. We will identify and name a variety of common animals and sort animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also look at different animal groups including, mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Throughout the year they will also look at seasonal changes and how the weather differs in each season.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will conclude our work on Harvest by learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We will then be exploring the topic of Christmas, thinking about the question, why do we give and receive gifts? In class worship we will be learning about our school Christian Values and what they mean to us.

### P.E.

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday this half term and we will be focusing on gymnastics and our fundamental movements.