



Welcome to Spring Term and Happy New Year! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. This will help to develop their historical skills. This year as part of our KS1 phase we have two classes; Elm (Y1) and Oak (Y2). If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of life in Key Stage 1, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

#### Spring 1 2019 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will start the term by finding out about The Great Fire of London. We will be writing newspaper reports, diary entries in role as eye witnesses and creating a biography about Samuel Pepys. We will be practising using punctuation ( ? ! , ) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and using conjunctions (and/because/but/or/if/when/that) to extend sentences. We will continue the term by looking at 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen and writing our own published narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the book corner twice a week. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Elm and Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 1/2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	We will be looking at place value and exploring different strategies for addition & subtraction. We will also learn about money and solve problems focusing on developing our reasoning skills. We will be practising telling the time and using different units of measurement. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Every Friday, during lunchtime, the children have the opportunity to be tested on their times tables and receive badges based on the times tables that they can quickly recall in any order. Please encourage your child to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Science	Our topic this half term is Animals, including Humans. We will be grouping and classifying animals based on whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores, finding out what animals as well as humans need to survive and learning about food chains and life cycles.
Computing	The children will be developing their coding skills further by using an app called Scratch Junior.
Topic	This half term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We'll look at time lines and find out how long ago it was. We'll look at different sources of evidence and look at the impact of the fire upon London and how it has changed the city.
Art / Design & Technology	We will be making our own bread! We will create our own recipe and cook, taste and evaluate the bread. We'll also be doing some art linked to the great fire, with paints, oils and chalks.
P.E.	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Thursday with the coaches. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: <b>Black</b> tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a <b>white</b> t-shirt or top and <b>black</b> trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be hockey.
Music	Elm and Oak class will be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday. Children are encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions.
R.E.	This term we will be learning about: Where did the world come from and how should we look after it?
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Our Goals'.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. Children in Year 2 should learn their <b>times tables (2, 5 and 10)</b> , which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using Timestable Rockstars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the <b>Mathletics</b> website, for which

	<p>each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn <b>spellings</b> which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.</p>
<p><b>Key dates</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Enrichment clubs to begin / Year 2 Booster to begin for selected children at 3:45pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Speech and Language Workshop Coffee morning for parents 9:15am – 10:15am</p> <p><b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Great Fire of London Workshop</p> <p><b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January:</b> Maths Week begins</p> <p><b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January:</b> NSPCC Number Day</p> <p><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Chinese New Year</p> <p><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Internet Safety Day – Theme: Together for a better internet</p> <p><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Chinese New Year Dragon Dance Workshops</p> <p><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February:</b> KS1 Phonics workshop for parents at 9:25am</p> <p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Y1, Elm Class parents invited to come for school lunch 12:10am</p> <p><b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February:</b> Y2 Oak visit to Tower Bridge for a facilitated tour and workshop linked to the Great Fire of London. Elm will be visiting early next term.</p> <p>We will continue to hold <b>Reading Together</b> sessions every Friday morning from 9:00—9:20am. Please do try and attend.</p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS1 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

**KS1 Team**

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