



Leopard Class

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to school!

We hope you have had a relaxing week off and managed to enjoy the beautiful autumnal weather that we have had. Miss Celebicanin, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Windsor are very excited to warmly welcome you back. We are going to have a fantastic term and I know that you will, as always, **IMPRESS**. We will be looking out for perfect uniform, great attitudes and children who strive to do their best at all times and never give up trying. Homework will be set on Wednesdays and **we need all homework to be completed each week and children reading every day please.** Children are to bring in their reading books and reading records every day. P.E days are Wednesday and Friday and children will need their full P.E. kit in school. Thank you.

Our Topic –The Great Fire of London

This term, our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be exploring the history of the famous event, including researching the significant people involved in the event Thomas Farriner and Samuel Pepys. In Art, we will be focusing on form and shape. We will be drawing Tudor London from different perspectives, including near and far.

Challenge!

I challenge you to write a diary entry from the perspective of someone who witnessed the fire in London. Think about the writing features you have learnt so far. You will get a smiley for each writing feature you use! E.g. if you use an exclamation sentence and alliteration you will receive two smileys!

What is happening this term?

- 29th October – School Photographs
- 30th October – African Drumming Experience
- 1st November – Outdoor Classroom Day
- 7th November – Diwali
- 9th November – Year 2 Assembly. Parents of Year 2 welcome
- 12th – 16th November – Anti-bullying week
- 16th November – Children in Need
- 11th December – Christmas lunch
- 14th December – Christmas Jumper day – raising money for Save the Children
- 14th December – Whole school assembly
- 19th December – KS1 Christmas Carol Concert
- 20th December – Last day of term

Autumn Term Learning

English This term, we will be focusing on narratives, instructions, poems and diary entries. We will continue to focus on a wider range of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. Alliteration and adverbial sentence openers will also be introduced to the children.

Maths This term, we will be concentrating on addition and subtraction. We will be focusing on working out calculations using an empty number line. As well as this, we will begin to learn all about money. We will also be practising and learning the multiplication tables, specifically the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. Please practise at home and add in other ones too once 2x, 5x and 10x have been learnt.

RE: We will continue to learn about Christianity.

PHSE: In Jigsaw this term, the children will be focusing on 'Celebrating Difference'. In Year 2, our focus will be similarities and differences between us. For example; boys and girls, likes and dislikes.

Science – 'Everyday Materials': This term, our topic includes learning about different materials. Children will learn about the different shapes that materials can make and they will begin to understand key terminology such as: bend, stretch, twist, smooth, etc. The children will be looking at the materials used in Tudor England, especially during the time of the Great Fire of London.

Learning at home:

Reading: Please remember to read every day and bring your reading books and reading records to school **every day**.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record every day.

Homework: Homework books are due in on Wednesdays. Please complete the books and bring into school.

Spellings: Please help practise spellings at home. It is essential that they are confident with the year 2 spelling rules and the **year 2 common exception words**.

Year 2 Booklist:

- **Spinderella** by Julia Donaldson
- **T-Veg** by Smriti Prasadam Halls
- **Snail Trail** by Ruth Brown
- **Superworm** by Julia Donaldson
- **Spyder** by Matt Car

Reading and Writing Challenge: We are reading *Toby and the Great Fire of London*. I am challenging you:

- **Write a letter explaining what happened.**
- **Write an acrostic poem.**
- **Write instructions on how to bake bread.**



Last Term's Best Bits:



- **European Day of Languages** – the children loved learning all about Serbia. We danced, cooked, sang and painted!
- **Dino World Live** – this was an amazing experience for the children. They loved meeting the dinosaurs.
- **Faith Tour in Bedford** – the children visited a Gurdwara, a Mosque and a Church. They were respectful and asked some thoughtful questions.
- **Author visit** – Adam and Charlotte Guillian visited HLA to tell the story of *Jellybeans for Giants*. Great afternoon!