



Caricature: The Great Fire of London, 1666. Museum of Fire Arts, Budapest



Infant School Newsletter Monday 5th September 2016

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope that you all had a great holiday and the children are looking forward to the new term.

Ghastly Germs

Our topic for this term is 'Ghastly Germs'. The children's learning will be focused around this topic. We will start by learning about The Great Fire of London; the conditions of London before, how it started, how they put it out, the important people at the time and impact it had on London. We will then look at the Plague and later at famous scientists and their contribution to medicine and science.

This week we will be:

- Writing our class expectations for the school year
- Recounting our summer holidays
- Writing a scene description from a painting of The Great Fire
- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 20, 100 and beyond, looking at tens and units and seeing which numbers are the least or greatest
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Painting portraits of Samuel Pepys
- Singing action songs in music
- Investigating different materials in Science

School Equipment

Please only send your child with their book bag into school, as we are unable to accommodate big bags in the Infant school and we supply all of the equipment needed. The children also need their water bottle and lunchbox (unless they have school lunches). Please can you ensure that all items of school uniform, forest school clothing, PE kit, shoes, hats, gloves etc are clearly labelled, so we can reunite them easily! Many thanks!

Forest School

Forest School will start next week (12.9.16). Children need to come in their school uniform, with their forest school kit in a large bag. We recommend one of the supermarket's bag for life as the children can unpack and pack these bags more easily. They will then get changed into their forest school kit later in the day ready for their session.

Mrs Sim's Forest School session will be on Monday afternoon, Miss Barby's on Tuesday afternoon and Mr Williams' on Thursday afternoon.

PE & Games

We will be starting PE this week so please make sure your child has their PE kit at school if they haven't already. They will remain in school until the end of term. If they become dirty we will send them home with your child. Please bring your child's PE kit in a drawstring bag, with all items clearly named. Mrs Sim's class has PE on Tuesday and Friday, Mr William's class have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Miss Barby has it on Monday and Wednesday.

Book Bags and Reading

The children will all read to an adult this week and will choose a schoolbook to read at home. When this has happened, they will be sent home with their reading record, book and book bag that day. The children will be reading in Guided Reading groups every week in class and these stories are different to those that the children bring home in their book bags. We endeavour to change your child's individual reading book as soon as they have completed reading it; to help us know if your child needs to change their book please can you record in in their reading record once finished and remind them to change it for themselves at the start of the day. It is important to remember that re-reading is important, as all children enjoy the feeling of success of being able to read a story independently or recognise particular words, or have a particular story that they enjoy reading repeatedly; therefore please retain the book for as long as you and your child want to, as there is no set time limit on how long they should keep their reading book.

Painting Aprons and Cereal Boxes

If you have any old t-shirts or shirts that could be used for painting please send them in with your child. Also, we will be making Tudor houses in D&T, so if you have any empty cereal boxes the children could bring in, they would be greatly appreciated!

Morning Activities

For the first couple of days a member of staff will come and collect groups of children for Year 1 by the school door and show them how to get to their new classroom. They will then have a morning activity to do in the classroom before register. If you have any questions for the teacher please leave a message at the door or with the office and we will get back to you.

Dates for your diary

Meet the Teacher- Year 2: Wednesday 7th September 2.30 p.m.

Year 1: Friday 9th September 2.30 p.m.

Friday 16th September: Roald Dahl dress-up day

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team