



Levine, Wenceslaus. The Great Fire of London, 1666. Museum of Fire Arts, Budapest.



Infant School Newsletter Monday 12th September 2016

Thank you so much to all of the parents who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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, and how Samuel Pepys among others documented this.

This week we will be:

- Writing about the events of the Great Fire of London
- Writing about Samuel Pepys
- Writing a description about how the fire spread so quickly and the impact that the layout of the city and the materials which were used to build houses helped to accelerate the fire
- Writing a diary entry as Samuel Pepys himself
- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 20, 100 and beyond
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Painting portraits of Samuel Pepys and sketching houses from the time of the Great Fire of London
- 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 only need to bring their book bag, water bottle and lunchbox. 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 this week. 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

Mrs Sim's class has PE on Tuesday and Friday, Mr Williams' class have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Miss Barby has it on Monday and Wednesday.

Roald Dahl Dress Up Day:

This Friday the children can come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. There is no fee for this day, but the children need to bring the book into school which contains the character that they have dressed up as.

Safeguarding:

Please can you let us know in writing/email if the person who normally collects your child from school is unable to do so, giving details of the adult who is collecting. If a variety of different adults collect throughout the week i.e. child-minders etc. it would be helpful if you could write these down for the class teacher.

At Overstone, safeguarding is our highest priority and as a young child it is perfectly natural to be inquisitive about their body and those of the children around them. However, it is important that you discuss with your child what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour with their friends. We ask you to do this to prevent any confusion or ambiguity with your child regarding appropriate behaviour, for example, when they are playing with their friends or changing for PE/Forest School etc.

In KS1 we will be discussing appropriate and inappropriate behaviour with the children through class discussions to allow them to be clear about this and clarify any misconceptions that they might have.

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th September: Roald Dahl dress-up day

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Kind Regards

The Infant School team