

Year 1 Spring Term 2 2025 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely half term. A big thank you for supporting the children in their fundraising efforts to support the Matthew Rusike School and Children's Home. The children raised £683.40 which will go towards resourcing their newly built year one and two classroom.

English and Maths

In English, we will be focusing on using a wider range of punctuation including question marks and exclamation marks as well as sequencing sentences to form a short narrative. In maths, after consolidating place value within 20, we will concentrate on addition and subtraction within 20 before looking at place value within 50. The children will also continue to have daily phonics and maths fluency sessions.



Topic

This term, Year 1 and 2 will continue to learn about the Great Fire of London. They will be focusing on the following questions:



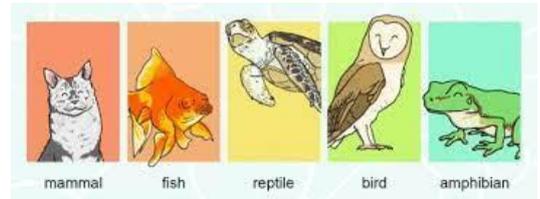
- What was London like in 1666?
- How did the Great Fire of London happen?
- Who was Samuel Pepys?
- What was the impact of the Great Fire of London?
- Do you believe the Great Fire of London was an accident?

The children will be having a Great Fire of London outdoor learning workshop on Wednesday 18th March, more details to follow.

Science

This half term, still be focusing on the following questions exploring animals:

- How can we compare and group animals?
- What is a carnivore?
- What is a herbivore?
- What is an omnivore?



We will also look at caring for our planet and Spring as we continue to explore how the seasons change across the year.

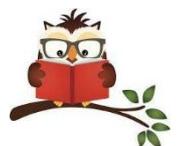
PE



Our P.E days are **Monday and Friday**. Children need to attend school on these days in their school uniform P.E kit.

Reading

Book exchange: All children will continue to have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability) and reading record. If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch. These books will continue to be changed on **Fridays**. When you have read the book, please sign the



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reading record. If you have not finished the book your child is reading and would like to keep it an extra week, please write me a message in the reading record.

Library: In addition to bringing home a school reading book every Friday, children will also choose a book from the school library to take home. The children can choose any book and this decision should be based on reading for pleasure rather than their reading ability (this may mean they bring a book home for you to read to them). These books should be brought in every **Friday**. The children will not be able to get a new library book until they have returned the previous one.



PSHE and RE

In PSHE the children will be learning about people who help us in the community and how to keep safe. In RE the children will continue learning about special books including those belonging to different religions.

Art

This half term our artist for inspiration is Vincent Van Gogh. The children will be producing their own Starry Night paintings.

Mrs Rockett will continue with the **music** and **computing** curriculum on a Tuesday afternoon.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day. This should be one that stays in the classroom for the day and not one from their packed lunch.



If you ever need to get in contact, please email me at lucy.alston@benrhyding.bradford.sch.uk and I'll endeavour to respond as promptly as I can. Please, however, contact the as well office regarding any pick up arrangements as I may not get chance to check my emails during the day.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Alston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd February: School opens for Spring term 2

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March: Parent Evenings

Thursday 12th March: Stay and Play session 9am to 10am.

Wednesday 18th March: Great Fire of London Outdoor workshop