Elmtree Infant and Nursery School

Year 2

Oak, Willow and Maple Class

Parent Curriculum Information

Leaflet



Our Learning Journey this

half term is

London's Burning!

Autumn Term 2

What we are learning in school

English

This half term our learning journey is London's Burning. In English we will explore character and setting descriptions through the story *Traction Man*. We will develop our ambitious vocabulary to describe, while continuing to make sure our sentences make sense and include capital letters and full stops. We will also read *The Great Fire of London*, a book by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis, to help us understand the sequence of the fire. Later in the term, we will be working on acrostic poems and calligrams about Christmas.

We will continue to use Little Wandle for our phonics lessons, with Year 1 working on phase 5 and Year 2 recapping our phase 2, 3 and 5 knowledge.
Our library days are: Oak – Monday, Maple – Tuesday and Willow – Thursday.

Maths
Year 1 will work to identify parts and the whole of a number and have begun to use a part whole model. They will be using dienes to support us with this. Year 2 will consolidate their knowledge on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will focus on identifying and using the addition and subtraction signs, and work on simple number sentences, using cubes and dienes to help us.

Science
We will be learning about forces and space: seasonal changes this term. We will explore the different seasons and the weather, recording data about the temperature, and will use our understanding from the previous topic about the trees through the seasons.

PSHE
We will be discussing the things the children have in common with their friends, classmates, and other people. We will learn how friends can have both similarities and differences. We will talk about how to play and work cooperatively in different groups and situations, as well as how to share their ideas and listen to others, take part in discussions, and give reasons for their views.

History
In History, we will be finding out about the Great Fire of London. We will discover how it started, why it lasted so long and how it finally went out.

Computing
We will be exploring algorithms and online safety through using iPads and Purple Mash—don't forget you can access Purple Mash at home!

PE
Our PE days are: Oak – Monday and Tuesday, Maple – Monday and Thursday and Willow – Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child's PE Kit is in school at all times.

RE
We will be looking at special occasions. We will think about the special times the children have with their families and how people of different religions celebrate their special times.

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology**,** we will be exploring how to create different structures by building, connecting, and folding. We will be evaluating our structures and discuss how we can develop them in the future to become stronger and more resilient to our tests.

We will be looking for donations of junk modelling materials– please speak to the class teacher about donations.

How can you help?

- Read all kinds of books, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Can you talk about the books? What is your favourite part?
- Write stories.
- Read and write numbers in words as well as digits.
- Tell the time – o'clock, half-past, quarter past and quarter to. How many minutes in an hour, half an hour? How many hours in a day?
- Use money – which coins can you recognise? How much do you have? Can you add some coins together? How much change will you get?
- Correct your child's spelling in homework and other activities.
- Say the months of the year in order. How many months are there? Which is your favourite and why? Can you spell the months correctly?
- Discuss the weather and the changing seasons.
- Find out about The Great Fire of London.
- Be inclusive, respectful, ambitious, resilient and curious.