



Falcon Class

Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term First Half 2023

Hello and welcome to the first curriculum letter from Falcons class. Our topic this term is London's Burning where we will learn all about the Great Fire of London through the eyes of people who lived it. Below is a brief outline of the exciting learning that will be taking place this half-term and some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. Your involvement in your child's education makes a huge difference to their success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you and teaching your children throughout the year.

Mr Vokes

English

Our learning will be focussed on the book: Toby and the Great Fire of London in which we will be exploring and having a go at diary writing, imagining we were there in 1666. A reading of Toby and the Great Fire of London, can be found on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIQvKSFls4s>

You could help your child at home by:

Encouraging them to keep a diary about what they have done over the week or to write an imaginary diary e.g., the diary of a superhero or spy.

Discussing the layout and words used in a diary.

Finding out information about the Great Fire of London online or from a book and creating a fact file.

Reading and discussing the book Toby and The Great Fire of London (youtube link above).

Maths

Some of the things that we will be exploring include:

- Place-value.
- Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and related facts.

You could help your child at home by:

Practice adding when playing board games, dice games or out shopping.

Talking to them about the place-value of numbers. For example, 'how many 10s in 15? How many 1s?' especially when using money.

Practice counting games forwards and backwards in different steps.

Trying out activities on MyMaths:

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> Login: ticps
Password: island.

D.T.

In DT we will be investigating bread and making our own, just like they did in the bakery at Pudding Lane at the time of the Great Fire of London! You could try making your own buns at home and write some instructions for how to make them.

Art

We will be making collages of the Great Fire of London in the style of Frank Stella. You could look at his art at home and practice collaging.

P.E.

We have PE on ***Mondays and Wednesdays***. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear on these days.

History

We will be learning all about the Great Fire of London and the lives of the people that lived through it. Below are some useful websites you could show your child to help them understand this historical event.

<https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

<https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/browse-the-collection/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-great-fire-of-london-home/zph4g7h>

Parent helpers

I would like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare an hour or two to listen to children read in Falcon Class each week. Reading is a vital skill for children which enables them to learn and progress and your involvement makes a significant difference.