



April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a busy term in Year 1.

## Curriculum

Our **History** topic this term is 'The Great Fire of London.' We will be focusing on: life in 17<sup>th</sup> century London and looking at differences and similarities between ways of life then and now, learning the key features of the event, look at different ways we can find out about the past by looking at the diaries of Samuel Pepys as well as comparing London before and after the fire.

Our **Science** topic for this term is 'Plants'. We will be learning about different plants, how they grow and what they need to grow. We will be doing some fieldwork in our school grounds and looking for different plants and trees.

**English**, we will be continuing to focus on writing sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be doing a range of writing for different purposes and will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts, and poetry. Please see the **Weekly Overviews** for more detail. These are uploaded onto Parent Hub every Friday afternoon.

**Maths**, we will be starting the unit 'Multiplication and Division' once we have completed 'Measures'. We will then be learning about 'Fractions'. We will be finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects. Later on this term and moving into summer 2, we will be doing the unit of work 'Position and Direction'. For this, we will be learning to describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.

**Religions & Worldviews**, our unit of work is 'How should we live our lives?' This unit explores how religious and other beliefs affect approaches to moral issues. It will look at approaches to morality in Christianity and Judaism.

**PSHE**, our unit of work is 'Healthy Me'. We will be talking about how to stay healthy and how to look after our teeth. We will also be talking about what medicines are and when people take them.

**Music**, our unit of work is 'Time travellers.' We will be learning to play London's Burning on the chime bars. We will also be singing songs, exploring high and low sounds (pitch), and describing a piece of music in words.

**Computing**, we will be finishing off our unit on 'Algorithms' by learning how to debug an algorithm before we start our new programming unit of work. It will focus on developing early programming skills using a Bee-Bot.

**PE**, we will be doing Dance, Gymnastics and Athletics. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE days. They can wear shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt; and will need to be wearing trainers.

## **Trips**

As per the information sent home already, we have booked **Sea Life - The London Aquarium** for all 4 classes this half-term to link with our next geography topic, 'Oceans and Seas'. The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 1R**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 1B**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – 1P**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 1O**

We will hopefully get another opportunity to go on a final trip during the final term and will keep you posted.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**W/B Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Phonics screening tests (a separate letter has been sent out with more information)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May –** Coleridge Fun Run

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June –** Summer Fair

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July –** Sports Day

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July –** School reports given to parents/carers

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July –** Parents evening (in-person)

If you have any questions or queries then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful half term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team