



Hazelbury Primary School

## Year 2 Newsletter Spring One 2024

### Year Two Learning Experiences Last Half Term



Sparrow Class created dioramas of habitats!



Robin Class enjoyed their trip to the Natural History Museum.



Dove Class shared their fantastic home learning projects.



Starling Class enjoyed spending time in our school library!



In Science, Wren Class explored microhabitats on the school field.

### What will your child be learning about this half term?

In **English** we will be reading *Vlad* by Kate Cunningham and *The Great Fire of London: An Illustrated History* by Emma Adams. We will be writing in different genres including a setting description, diary, letter and newspaper report. We will be focusing on using different types of punctuation such as exclamation marks, question marks and commas as well as using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend sentences.

In **maths** we will be focusing on finding number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and ones, identifying multiplication and division facts for the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and recognising and completing patterns and number sequences.

Our topic in **science** is '*Everyday Materials*'. We will identify and compare suitability of everyday materials and explore how solid objects can be changed through squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Pupils will also gain an understanding of classifying materials and have the opportunity to test the properties of materials.

This half term we begin our learning quest '*How has London evolved?*' We will learn about the events in the Great Fire of London and its impact on London today. We will also develop an understanding of Samuel Pepys and his experience of fire through looking at his infamous diary and asking questions in order to challenge the historical evidence. Using a variety of primary and secondary sources of evidence, we will consider the ways in which Britain and London was changed and rebuilt after the Great Fire.

In **Design and Technology (DT)**, we will explore design and pupils will have the opportunity to create a landmark that is strong, stiff and stable. We will focus on construction skills and investigate different mechanisms.

In **RE** we will be exploring the theme of 'Ceremonies' by looking at different religions including Judaism, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism.

### Key Dates for our Year Group this half term

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day

### Our Recommendations:

#### **Book Recommendation:**

*Toby and the Great Fire of London* by Margaret Nash

*You wouldn't want to be in the Great Fire of London* by Jim Pipe

#### **Website recommendation:**

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

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/museum/history-and-stories/the-great-fire-of-london/>