



Great Alne Primary School



Our topic for the Autumn term is - Sparks Might Fly!

At the start of the term the children will explore ideas of where fire originally came from. They will learn about a story through a short film of a stone age child who found fire from the sky. They will then compare this idea with that of the story of the Rainbow Bird by Eric Maddern. After half term our learning will focus on a book by Margaret Nash titled - Toby and the Great Fire of London.

English

As writers we will:-

Continue to develop our writing skills and become more consistent with the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will work on our handwriting skills to produce letter formation with more consistent sizing. Year 2 will revise the use of a range of punctuation including question marks and explanation marks.

These skills will support us to write narratives comparing the origin of fire and later in the term, diary entries like those of Samuel Pepys.

As readers we will:-

Begin to use our new phonics scheme, Read Write Inc to support our learning of sounds.

We will develop our reading and comprehension skills by re-reading books to build confidence, fluency and expression.

Foundation Subjects

As geographers we will learn about the UK and it's four countries. We will also learn about seasonal weather changes.

As historians we will focus initially on Remembrance Day, followed by The Gun Powder Plot finishing with the Great Fire of London.

As artists we explore primary colours and look at the work of the artist Mondrian. We will use a range of materials to create Firebirds. Silhouettes of burning buildings against a fiery London will be created.

During our computing lessons we will learn about internet safety whilst exploring websites.

In DT we will be making houses similar to those in the 1666. Our PSHE lessons this term will cover: Me and My Relationships and Valuing Difference PE lessons will focus on ball skills to begin with progressing onto the game of Dodgeball. We will explore pulse and rhythm during music before then learning songs for the Christmas performance.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will:-

In Year 1 explore place value to 10, number bonds to 10, addition and subtraction and 3D and 2D shape.

In Year 2 explore place value to 100, number bonds to 20, addition and subtraction within 100 and 3D and 2D shape.

Science

As scientists we will be:-

We will be learning about animals including humans and their habitats. We will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals, explore their diets in year 1 whilst Year 2 begin to look at food chains.

What can I do to help my child?

1. Read each night with your child to support their developing fluency and comprehension.
2. Use the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) sheet sent home each half term to support quick and confident recall which will support your child in their maths lessons.
3. Support your child during home learning tasks to become independent learners.