



## The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

Year 2 Spring Term 1

### PE / Dance:

PE for both classes will take place on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Jacobs.

Please ensure your child has suitable school PE kit. Make sure hair is tied back and earrings are removed or covered with tape.

### Art and DT:

As part of a DT project we will be making Tudor Houses. We will learn how the materials used to build Tudor houses contributed to the speed at which the Great Fire spread.



### PSHE:

Our PSHE work focuses on diversity and community. The children will explore their identity and how to value differences within our community in Sawston.

### RE:

Stories and symbols from Sikhism.

### Topic:

Our history topic this term is The Great Fire of London and the children will be exploring where and how the fire began, how we know about the fire (through the diaries of Samuel Pepys) and how London was rebuilt. We will also explore the lessons that were learned as a result of the fire.



## Topic

*Fire! Fire! London's Burning.*

*Key Dates:*

*History off The Page – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

### English:

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January the author Matty Long will be working with the children in Key Stage 1. At the start of the term we will be reading and discussing "Salty Dogs".

The children will also be writing their own story based on "The Selfish Giant" by Alexis Deacon.

The children will be writing poems based on the theme of fire and later in the term we shall be reading and writing our own version of Jack and the Giant Baked Beanstalk.

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and children shall be tested the following Friday. Spotlight words will continue to be listed at the top of the weekly list. The children are enjoying using these in their talking and writing. We have some excellent spotlight word spotters in year 2.

Children's book changing days remain the same and they will continue to practise reading skills in guided reading in class.

### Music:

We will explore the theme of fire through music and we will learn the song "London's Burning". We will also be listening, appraising and composing songs on the theme of "I Wanna Play in a Band" (a rock song for children).

### Mathematics:

Our maths work this term will focus on recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. As you know there is increased focus on times tables and we will be learning the 2x, 5x and 10x tables as well as practising counting in 3s.

Please support your child at home in learning times tables facts so they are able to recall them.

We will solve problems and calculate using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) signs.

Please continue to support your child with practical maths at home, measuring and telling the time using analogue and digital clocks.

**Science: Uses of Materials** – the children will be identifying and comparing a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard.

**Growing Plants** – We will be finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

For some weeks, scientific vocabulary linked to these topics will be included in the weekly spotlight word lists.