



Autumn 2020 1st Half Term- Year 1

Hello and welcome from the new Team Enchantment. We hope you all had a great Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to welcome Miss Browne and Miss Wells to the team and Miss De Armas joins us this year having been out on maternity leave for most of last year. We're very lucky to have them all!

We have a busy year ahead and the aim of these updates is to keep you informed of team specific information and dates that will be useful to you. These will include things like dates for important events. We will ensure that throughout the year we provide lots of opportunities to talk about how you can support your children at home with different activities for their learning.

The classes in Team Enchantment are as follows:

Castle (Year 2) – Miss Wright, Miss Wells (Trainee Teacher) and Miss De Armas

Meadow (Year 1) – Miss Browne and Mrs Dyson

Treetops (Year 1&2) – Miss Reith and Miss Instone

English

- ★ **Great Fire of London:** We will be teaching English through a skills based approach, ensuring that the children have a good grasp of the basic fundamental skills including: full stops, capital letters, finger spacing and spelling phonetically. The children will be doing a lot of non-fiction writing this term based on 'The Great Fire of London.'
- ★ **Reading:** The children will enjoy listening to a range of stories, recounts and descriptions of The Great Fire of London. The children will also have daily reading sessions and will be given both a Ruth Miskin book and a banded coloured *free choice* book to practice at home. We would love all of the children to be reading 4 or more times a week at home.
- ★ **Phonics:** The children will have daily Letterland phonics sessions to build on their knowledge.

Maths

★ Number and Place Value:

The children will be focusing on recognising, ordering, reading and writing numbers up to 20. They will work out numbers that are one more or one less than a given number. They will also be comparing numbers using **greater than (>)** and **less than (<)** symbols.

20  24
20 is less than 24

15  12
15 is greater than 12

★ Counting:

The children will be learning to count forwards and backwards in different increments (1s and 10s) they will use their early number skills to spot patterns in different counting sequences. They will be learning songs to help them remember key facts about the different numbers they consider.

Topic: Fire, Fire!

- ★ **History:** The children will be going back in time to learn about The Great Fire of London. They will have a chance to enquire, ask questions and discover some of the key events during this time.
- ★ **Geography:** During this term we will be looking at maps and comparing how different London is now compared to when the Great Fire of London happened. We will also look at the spread of the fire and a range of different buildings that were affected.
- ★ **Science:** The children will be looking at different materials and exploring their properties. They will be asked to consider which material would be best to use to make a bucket. We will be looking at what materials are waterproof and doing some predicting before experiments.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure that your children comes to school each day with a named school water bottle.
- ★ It is important that all children have a jumper or cardigan with them every day – even when it is still warm outside it can get a little chilly in the classrooms with all of the windows open.
- ★ PE days will be as follows:
PE days: Meadow: Tuesday and Friday **Treetops:** Tuesday and Friday

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Reith and Miss Browne