



Reception / Year 1

2023 - 2024

SPRING TERM

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and enjoyed lots of family time, games, and mince pies.

Project

Our project for this term is a history topic - 'London's Burning'. We are going to be learning about the Great Fire of London, Tudor houses, significant historical events, people and places, and exploring how the houses in Great Easton have changed over time.

Reading

We will continue to check reading books on a rotation but may read with the children at any point, so please make sure children have their diaries and books every day. It is important that children are reading daily to continue making progress, whether this is ten minutes on Reading Eggs, reading a recipe to bake together or a shared story before bedtime – every little helps!

SMART Learning

Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions. All Doodle and Reading Eggs' logins are stuck into reading diaries but if you need a reminder, or it doesn't seem to be working, please just send me a message. Your child's orange SMART book includes their achieved and new targets - a huge thank you to parents who are working on these with their children at home when they can!

Phonics

We will continue to teach daily phonics in school and will be sending home copies of the children's phonics assessments this term. These will include the sounds that the children know and any they need to recap. We will also include any relevant scores for the Year 1 Phonics screening.

Parent Consultations & One Plans

These will be in the same format as the Autumn term, and I'll let you know the dates as soon as they have been decided.

Outdoor Learning

As the weather is colder and wetter now, it is really important that children have wellies that can stay at school. All children have a bag on their peg to keep spare clothes in too if needed. If anybody has any clothes they no longer need and would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful.

As always, if you ever have any concerns or worries, please contact me on Dojo or by email and we can arrange a meeting to catch up.

Thank you,

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Reception & Year 1 Spring Term 2023

TERM: Discover

THEME : The Great Fire of London

Links to vision:

We are God's children: exploring the world is a natural part of our human nature. We must embrace our longing to discover more.

KEY ENQUIRY QUESTION: How did the Great Fire of London change the world?

AUTHENTIC OUTCOME: Plan a Great Fire of London exhibit to showcase our learning.

VISITS:	Crossing Temple Barns (to be determined) Local visit - Thaxted
History	Tudor houses (1485 - 1603) Events beyond living memory that are significant. Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. How have houses in Great Easton changed over time?
Religious Education	How do Jews celebrate Passover? Recognise that Passover (Pesach) is a Jewish festival. Identify ways in which Passover can have an impact on Jewish daily life and family. Identify evidence of religion and belief especially in the local area.
Diversity	Jacques Francis - A diver who helped retrieve valuables from the sunken wreck of King Henry VIII's ship, the Mary Rose.
Science	Brilliant Builders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We're going on a material hunt• Material pairs and properties• Sticking together• Three little pigs: brilliant builders• Three little pigs: alternative materials

Music	<p>Exploring sounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore sounds and create simple melodies. • Explore high and low sounds. <p>Learning to listen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you hear in this unit?
PSHE	<p>1. Dreams and goals</p> <p>2. Healthy Me</p>
English	<p>Performance poetry - London's burning</p> <p>Recounts - School visit</p> <p>T4W - Monkey See, Monkey Do</p> <p>Plus, spelling rules in year 1, class reading comprehension and grammar and punctuation.</p>
Additional cross-curricular writing opportunities	<p>*Write a recipe to bake bread for the bakery.</p>
Maths	<p>Year 1</p> <p>Place value within 20</p> <p>Addition and subtraction within 20</p> <p>Place value within 50</p> <p>Length and height</p> <p>Mass and measure</p> <p>Reception</p> <p>Alive in 5</p> <p>Mass and capacity</p> <p>Growing 6, 7, 8</p> <p>Length, height and time</p> <p>Building 9 and 10</p> <p>Explore 3D shape</p>
PE	<p>Fundamental Movement Skills</p> <p>Ball Skills</p> <p>Great Fire of London Dance</p> <p>Rugby Fun</p>
Computing	<p>Technology around us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is IT? • IT in school and the world • The benefits of IT • Using IT safely • Using IT in different ways



Art	Textiles Artist study – Anni Albers
Links to careers	Historians Architects Firefighters Bakers Authors Castle jobs
P4C	Can anything good come from bad? Would it be better to live in the past or the present?