

# Year 2 Newsletter

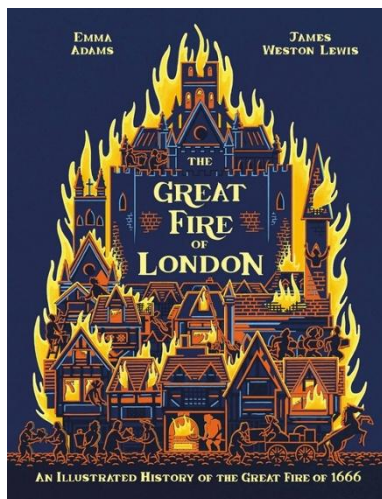
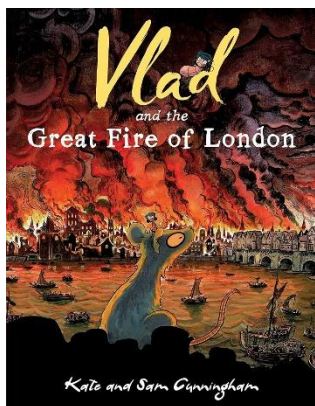
## Autumn 2 2026



As we get ready for Autumn 2, please find our latest Year 2 newsletter below.

We have another exciting and busy half term ahead, with lots of new learning and experiences to look forward to. This half term, our learning will be centred around our new topic, 'Fire! Fire!', as we step back in time to explore the Great Fire of London. We are looking forward to another fantastic half term of learning together!

### Our key texts for this term are:



### Key dates for Autumn 2:

Monday: PE

Wednesday: Homework Due

Thursday: Forest School

Friday: Spelling Test

04.11 – PTA Firework night

17.11 – Great Fire of London Day (in School)

18.11 & 19.11 – Parents' Evening

04.12 – Christmas Fair

09.12 – KS1 Christmas Performance

17.12 – Christmas Dinner Day

18.12 – Christmas Fun Day

### Reading:

In our reading lessons, we will continue to develop our confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading through a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

### English:

Through our key texts this half term, *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* and *The Great Fire of London: An Illustrated History of the Great Fire of 1666*, we will explore the events of the Great Fire of London. We will write a narrative based on Vlad's experiences before using our historical knowledge to write a diary entry in role as someone who experienced the fire.

### Maths:

In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction, using a range of strategies to solve calculations and problems. We will then move on to our shape unit, where we will identify, describe and compare a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

### History:

Our History topic this half term is **The Great Fire of London**. We will investigate how and why the fire started, how it spread and what life was like for people living in London in 1666. We will explore historical sources, including the diaries of Samuel Pepys, and consider how firefighting and fire safety have changed since the Great Fire.

### Science:

This half term, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will explore different habitats and investigate how plants and animals are suited to the places in which they live. We will also learn how living things depend on one another and explore simple food chains.

### Computing:

Our Computing focus this half term is Pages. We will develop our digital productivity skills, learning how to create and organise digital content and use different tools within Pages.

### SMSC:

This half term, our topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will explore what makes us unique, discuss assumptions and stereotype and learn about bullying.

### RE:

Our big question this half term is: "How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?" We will explore how and why people celebrate important occasions.

### Art:

In Art, we will explore the work of Lieve Verschuier and his painting *The Great Fire of London*. We will use his work to inspire our own artwork.

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please catch us on the playground after school.

Mr Gregory and Miss Lopez