



## Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter



### Coming up in Autumn 2

#### Sparks and Flames

We can't wait to explore the dramatic events of the Great Fire of London. There will be investigations into when and how the fire started and an exploration of original sources. We will be getting to grips with the geography of London to help us understand how far the fire spread and to enable us to draw our own maps. Using the information we find out, we will be thinking about fire safety to answer a Cornelius' question:



What could you learn from the Great Fire of London?

#### A Candlelit Celebration

As we approach Christmas, our study of fire will be focused on candles, lamps and light and how these are important to different faiths. Our Cornelius question is:



Why do symbols matter?

In our first Year 2 Art unit we will be thinking about how different faiths use special items to celebrate. Look out for our hand sculpted trinket dishes coming home in December.

We are looking forward to all that Autumn 2 brings, including rehearsing our KS1 Christmas Performance!

**Thank you for your continued support**  
**Year 2 Team**

**Our English learning** will include instruction writing (for tasty treats), poetry (about fireworks) and descriptive writing (inspired by Christmas). We have some fantastic activities, books and images to help us.



**Our Mathematics learning** will help us learn more about two-digit numbers, the number bonds of numbers up to 20 and then accurately adding and subtracting the numbers using a number line.

**Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF)** unit is:



*Valuing Difference*

The key learning points are:

- Recognising similarities and differences and showing respect for others.
- Talking about people who are special to us and why they are special.
- How to show kindness towards others.
- Strategies we can use if we feel left out.

We will also discuss the issues covered by Anti-bullying Week.

How you can **support your child's learning at home**



We have our new Home Learning books and tasks which we hope will develop your child's learning at home.

Other ways you can support your child are **reading and using instructions**. This could be recipes, how to play a game, how to make something, or anything similar. We are really interested in the way writers make their instructions easy to use, the language they choose and the way they use steps.

Please continue to support your child to learn and recall pairs of numbers that make each of the numbers up to and including twenty (e.g.  $7 + 6 = 13$ ,  $8 + 5 = 13$ ,  $9 + 4 = 13$  etc.) and it would be very helpful if you could practise these 'little and often'. You could play number bond bingo, snap with the number pairs to 20 or even online maths games.

If you would like to, this is a great time to **explore** more about the **Great Fire**, or more about **London**.

#### Dates for your Year 2 diary

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Great Fire Museum drop-in for parents (3:10 – 3:30)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

#### Year 2 Messages



Thank you for your support with Home Learning.

Please return Home Learning/Reading books by **Wednesday** each week, ready for Library on Friday.

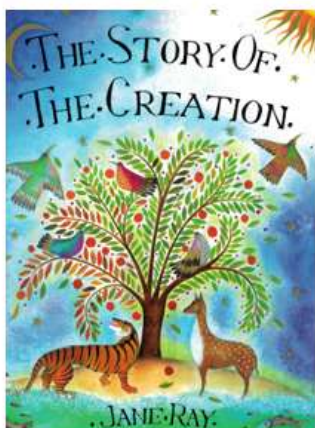
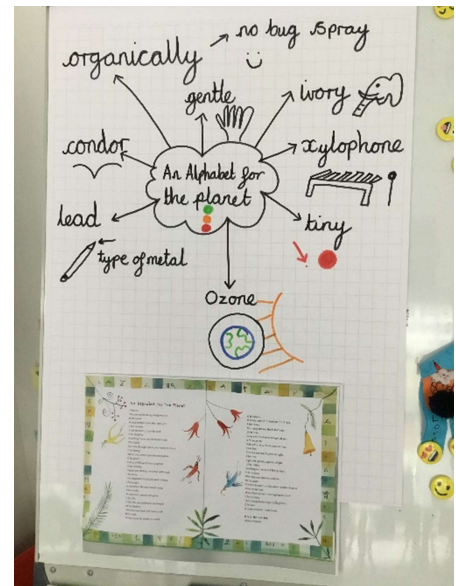
See what fabulous learning we did in Autumn 1 on the second page...

## Our Learning in Autumn 1

### Travel to Tanzania

We have learnt so much about Tanzania and Africa. Some of our favourite highlights were...

- ✓ Writing our very own Handa story.
- ✓ Writing our own 'Alphabet of Animals' poem.
- ✓ Designing a vehicle to help Handa carry fruit with wheels and axles.
- ✓ Deciding whether we would prefer to live in Waterlooville or Yamba Village.



In our RE learning this term we have explored **Christian and Hindu creation stories** by...

- Discussing our understanding of the word 'creation'.
- Listening to Hindu and Christian creation stories.
- Designing our own creation story.