

Welcome to a new year in Darwin Class!

Our topic this half term is called, 'Fire! Fire!' and is based around the Great Fire of London and the fire breathing dragons of Darwin Castle. Below is a quick round up of some of the learning that will take place over the next few weeks. If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Knights

English

We start the year working on narratives about dragons, using the book 'The Dragon Machine' as our key text. Our focus will be sentence structure and punctuation, as well as learning the routines of being a good writer. Then we will be looking at the poem 'Puff the Magic Dragon' and creating our own poetry using our senses.



Maths

Our first focus will be the number system to 100 and counting in different steps. Year 2 will start learning times tables and everybody will try out different methods for calculating with addition and subtraction. We will look at some basic fractions and start to use our skills to solve problems.

Topic

This is all led by our history topic, The Great Fire of London. The children will learn the events of the incident and look at the causes and how London is now very different as a result. We will have the Fire Team visit us to talk about being safe around fire. Our art will be silhouette pictures of London and, as it all started in a bakery, we will have a go at baking some of our own bread (hopefully without any fires!)

PDL

Our topic is called 'Who's in Charge' and will look at the responsibilities we all have and people that can help us.

ICT

We are going to be game testers and find out how simple games work using algorithms, and test different games to find our favourites.

PE

Mr Holmes will teach a games session on a Wednesday and I will be teaching dance, based around music and movement linked to the Fire of London.

Music

We will be exploring sounds from different sources and learning to describe these using the correct vocabulary.

Science

Our first job in science is to start our 'Seasons' book which will track the changes throughout the whole year. Later in the half term, we will begin to look at the properties of different materials and learn how to test out simple questions. This will continue into next half term.

Homework

The children will start to have homework each week. They will have something based around maths skills and a short list of spellings which will all be common exception words for their year group. Homework will be given on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday. Children's reading books can be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please take time to talk about books as well as read them, and use the question bookmark enclosed in their reading folder.