



## Learning Overview for Autumn Term

YEAR 2 – Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Standfast, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Bartholomew

### FIRE! FIRE!

Our theme this term gives us many opportunities to explore different areas of the curriculum. In history we will be learning about significant events such as the Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Aldbourne and examining different sources of evidence. In Art, we will use the work of Margret Godfrey to inspire our own volcano art work studying the technique of collage. Our focus in geography will be the continents and oceans as well as more detailed work looking at maps of Aldbourne. In DT, we will be exploring different pulleys and levers to make a fire engine and we will continue to build on our woodwork skills. In music we will study the firebird suite as well as continuing to learn about rhythm through singing and playing instruments. We will be practising the fundamental skills of agility, balance and coordination in PE as well as choreographing our own Great Fire of London dance. We will be teaching the children the basic skills of logging on and off the computers as well as age-appropriate internet safety and coding. In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Being Me in my world' and 'Celebrating Differences'. Our focus in RE is to explore Christianity and what Jesus taught, we will then move onto looking at the Christmas story. We will have opportunities to write our own prayers based on the terms Value.

### Phonics

Children will build on their phonics knowledge and begin to make more sophisticated choices in spelling.

### English

The children will explore creative writing using The Dragon Machine book as our core text. We will then create information texts about The Great Fire of London.

*A big focus this term will be handwriting and spelling.*

### Maths

The children will be exploring different ways to represent numbers using their place value knowledge. We will be working hard on developing our problem solving skills. We will continue looking at adding and subtracting two digit numbers and applying our understanding of our number facts.

### Reading

The most effective way to learn to read is to do to every day. Please continue to read with your child. Your child can read their "500 book" or their school reader or a book from home. It really doesn't matter!

### Phonics

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

has games to help your children practise their sounds at home. Also, you can practise spelling words at home.

### High Frequency words

Each week your child will be given words to learn to read and/or spell. When they have learnt these words they will be given a new set of words. Please see Dojo for some spelling activities.

### PE and Forest School

PE is on Tuesdays – please send your child to school in their full PE kit. We will be in the forest on Mondays after October Half Term

### Other

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day as well as a waterproof coat so that we can spend time outdoors regardless of the weather. Trainers and wellies should be named and left in school as children use them every day.

***Important dates will all be listed on our class page on the website***