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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your children. We finished off Spring term with a fabulous Science week which I know the children really enjoyed. With the arrival of this wonderful spring weather we are hoping to see lots of bees and butterflies starting to visit our newly planted flowers.

We have started the term with a whole school assessment week where the children's learning from Spring term has been formally assessed using written papers. They have taken this in their stride and once again I am pleased with how they have risen to the challenge.

Later this term the children will take a national phonics screening test where they will be required to read a list of words with learnt phonemes. Following this there will be step up days where the children will visit their new Year 2 classroom and teacher.

Our topic this term is the Great Fire of London and we are planning a visit to Weaver Hall for a Great Fire experience day. Our first Literacy unit is London themed as we read Katie in London and learn all about London landmarks and compare London today to London in the time of the Great Fire. We have a Royal Wedding later in May and the children will create their own royal 'healthy' tea party as part of our Design and Technology unit.

In Science we are learning all about plants and started off the topic this week with an investigation to find out how seeds change as they germinate and grow into a plant. The children all have a broad bean seed to nurture, which will be planted in the school garden when the seedlings are strong enough. Hopefully we will have a crop of beans to cook and sample later this summer!

It is great to see so many of you supporting your child's reading and maths challenges at home. It really does make a difference to their progress, not just in reading but in writing too. Please don't forget to sign the diary, note the page they have reached and make a comment if you wish. We still check diaries every morning and if the children have read at home and finished the book they will be given the opportunity to change their book. Don't worry if your



child doesn't race through the book colour bands this year. He or she may remain on a colour band for some time to ensure that their fluency and understanding of the text is developing.

Please could we remind you that every child needs to have a P.E. kit in school all week - house t-shirt, shorts and trainers. Our Sports Day is coming up next half term (Wednesday 6th June) and children will work in teams to earn points for their house.

P.E. days this term are Thursday and Friday.

Another important date for your calendar - Year 1 Class Assembly is Friday 25th May.

As the weather gets pretty hot this term, please could you ensure that your child has a sun hat and wears some long lasting high-factor sun cream. It is so important that they are protected from the sun.

Please don't forget water bottles too - no juice please!

Don't forget, although I may not always be able to see you in the mornings but I am available after school for a chat if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Sarah Dean



English

Our Fiction unit will begin with Katie in London, a lovely story about Katie and her brother's adventure round London on the back of one of the Trafalgar Square lions.

Non-Fiction- We will write a report about a London landmark, write a diary as Katie and send a postcard from London. We will write invitations to our tea party and write menus and recipes.

Poetry - We will learn to retell and perform funny poems.

Art and Design

We will paint the Great Fire of London and make clay models of St Paul's Cathedral. We will be looking at the work of an artist who drew fruit and vegetables and use his work to inspire our sketches and painting.

Maths

Maths will continue to develop the children's recognition and understanding of number and place value within 100 and revise counting in 2,5 and 10. We will introduce multiplication and division and work with fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. Children will learn to recognise and know the value of denominations of coins and notes and learn time to the hour and half past.

History/Geography

We will learn about the events of the Great Fire and develop our understanding of the passing of time. We will identify similarities and differences between ways of life in this period of history compared to today. We will read extracts from Samuel Pepys diary as a source of historical evidence.

Science

Through the topic plants children will learn to identify and name some wild and garden plants and trees.

They will investigate the structure of flowering plants, including trees.

Design and technology

We will build Pudding Lane in mediaeval London, adding hinged doors and windows.

Children will use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare a royal tea party.

P.E

P.E will concentrate on striking and fielding games and athletics.

Computing

We are illustrators - We will create our own information ebooks, complete with illustrations.

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'The Great Fire of London'

Religious Education/PHSE

The children will be learning that people live their lives by their faith. We will create a fact file about a famous person whose faith is very important to them.