



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'  
Year 2 Spring Term

### Topic:

Our history topic this term is The Great Fire of London and the children will be exploring where and how the fire began, how we know about the fire (through the diaries of Samuel Pepys) and how London was rebuilt. We will also explore the lessons that were learned as a result of the fire.

### Music:

We will explore the theme of fire through music and we will learn the song "London's Burning".

**PE / Dance:** Indoor PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday (Skylarks) but Goldfinches indoor session has changed to Thursday. Outdoor PE will continue to take place on a Friday for Goldfinches and Skylarks. In our dance sessions we will be linking our work to the Great Fire of London.

Please ensure your child has suitable school PE kit. Make sure hair is tied back and earrings are removed or covered with tape.

### Art and DT:

As part of a DT project we will be making Tudor Houses. We will learn how the materials used to build Tudor houses contributed to the speed at which the Great Fire spread.

### PSHE:

Our PSHE work focuses on citizenship. This will be taught by Mrs Khan on a Thursday afternoon.

### RE:

The children will be learning about Sikhism and they will be listening to and discussing a range of stories linked to the Sikh religion.

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### Fire! Fire! London's Burning!

#### Key Dates:

Visit to The Tower of London- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### English:

The children will start the term by reading different versions of the Baba Yaga story and then they will be writing their own story based on the traditional Slavic tale of Baba Yaga.

Later in the term, we shall be reading and writing our own version of Jack and the Giant Baked Beanstalk.

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and the children shall be tested the following Friday. Spotlight words will continue to be listed at the top of the weekly list. The children are enjoying using these in their talking and writing. We have some excellent spotlight word spotters in year 2.

Children's book changing days remain the same and they will continue to practise a range of reading skills in guided reading in class.

### Mathematics:

We will be exploring the value of coins and representing an amount using different combinations of coins.

Our maths work this term will also focus on recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Please support your child at home in learning times tables facts so they are able to recall them.

We will solve problems and calculate using the multiplication ( $\times$ ), division ( $\div$ ) and equals (=) signs.

Later in the term, the children will be identifying and investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Please continue to support your child with practical maths at home.

**Science: Uses of Materials** – the children will be identifying and comparing a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard.

**Growing Plants** – We will be finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

For some weeks, scientific vocabulary linked to these topics will be included in the weekly spotlight word lists.