



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents or carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. Thank you for all your support in settling your children back into school.

Here is some information about the next term that outlines what we will be learning about and will hopefully be helpful to you.

### Theme

Our topic work this term is 'The Big Smoke' and we will be thinking about the links between Coventry and London.

As Geographers we will look at the big Landmarks in Coventry and explore whereabouts they are. We will also locate England and London on a map of the UK.

As Historians, children will find out about the history of London. We will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London'.

As Musicians we will be exploring instrument families in an orchestra.

As Artists we will be designing our own patterns to go onto tiles. In addition, we will be creating a collage of The Great Fire of London.

**Our 'Wow' moment will be when the West Midlands Fire Service come in to explain about the Fire of London. We will be comparing fire safety from today, to fire safety in 1666. We are also hoping to have a controlled 'Fire of London' using cardboard houses we have made.**

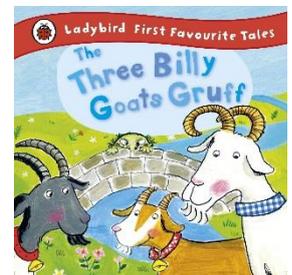
### English

Work this term focuses on:

- Traditional tales (Three Billy Goats Gruff). The children will write a recount of events in a newspaper format.
- We will look at the book 'Topsy and Tim visit London' and the children will write an information text about places to visit in London.
- We will be reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children will write about the children's adventures in London.
- Finally, the children will look at the poem 'Daddy fell into the Pond' by Alfred Noyes and work in groups to present the poem to the rest of the class.

Within written work the focus will be on:

- correct formation and orientation of all letters of the alphabet
- accurate use of singular and plurals
- identifying nouns, adjectives and verbs in sentences
- using adjectives for description
- writing using the correct tense
- continuing to learn to use capital letters and full stops correctly.
- reading High Frequency words accurately during independent reading.



## Mathematics

This term we will:

- read and write numbers from 1 to 40 in figures and words
- count on and back in twos, fives and tens
- add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20 including zero
- count repeated groups of objects
- shapes and patterns - recognising and grouping shapes
- length and height - measuring and comparing



The children will also be solving problems and puzzles involving understanding of numbers and operations and explaining their methods and justifying decisions.

The children will record their work in their Maths Workbooks and Maths Journals where they will explain their thinking,

## Religious Education - RE

This term the children will learn about Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They will compare the different beliefs and look at ways in which they are similar and different. They will also explore why they are important to our community.

## Physical Education - PE

In PE this term's activities will focus on:

- gymnastics: mastering basic movements and developing balance and coordination, dance and games
- dance: exploring body actions and creating short dances
- Attack and defence: the children will learn to work in groups to take part in games and understand the importance of teamwork.



## Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE

### Dreams and Goals

Children will exploring the two topics 'Healthy Me' and 'Dreams and Goals'.



## Science

As scientists the children will be studying two units of work.

First we will be focusing on '**Seasons**'



We will be learning to:

- observe changes across the four seasons
- observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

Following on from this, we will be learning about 'Trees':

- learning about common flowering plants
- identify and name a variety of wild plants



## Homework

Your child will also bring home a reading book and key words to learn to read and write. When they have learnt all of their Year 1 HFW they will focus on learning to spell these words. Please send your child's book to school every day. **We would be grateful if you could write a comment in the reading diary.**

Children will also be given a POWer project this term linked to our 'Flight' topic. These projects are due in on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Collins, Miss Page and Miss Tidmarsh