

Shelfon Infant School



Classes 6 & 7 Curriculum Newsletter January 2020 Spring Term 1



Our topic is: The Great Fire of London

English

This half term the children will be learning about The Great Fire of London and using this as inspiration for their writing activities. The children will take part in a range of research activities using different sources, participate in role play, and learn how to ask questions to extend their understanding of the Great Fire of London. They will write a recount of the Great Fire of London and also an eye witness account, similar to Samuel Pepys diary entries. We will be encouraging the children to use new and exciting vocabulary, and a range of conjunctions and adverbs to make their writing more interesting for the reader. We will be exploring a range of poetry and the children will learn how to write Acrostic Poems based on the Great Fire of London.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10's and introduce counting in 3's. The children will learn how to solve multiplication calculations using a range of methods, which include times table recall, arrays, circles and dots jottings. We will also be learning how to divide and continue to solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will be learning about fractions; finding halves, quarters and thirds of numbers. We will be learning how to use the inverse of addition and subtraction to solve missing number problems. The children will also take part in practical money activities where they need to solve adding and subtraction problems including giving change.

Art and Design & Technology

In Art we will be learning about the artist J.M.W. Turner and the children will be creating their own artwork inspired by his style of painting. In D&T the children will design and learn how to make 3D houses to recreate Pudding Lane. They will explore different structures, joining techniques and identify material properties.

Science

We will be learning about materials and their properties. We will be carrying out experiments to explore the changes in different materials when exposed to heat.

RE

We will be learning about Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam this term. We will be visiting the different places of worship for each religion and looking at important symbols, stories and festivals from each faith.

History

We will be sequencing events of the Great Fire of London. We will be reading Samuel Pepys diary and learn how to write an eye witness account. The children will be comparing houses from the past to the present and identifying key differences.

PE—Games

We will be learning the fundamental movement skills needed to help us play a range of ball games and how to work together as a team.

Helping your child at home.

- Read regularly with your child and ask them comprehension questions which encourage them to re-read different parts of the text or book. If you would like ideas of comprehension style questions, please see the class teacher.
- *Have fun!* Please encourage your child to become *Aim high!* more independent in completing their home- *Achieve well!*

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget -