



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fire Fire!

Welcome to Year 3. I hope you all had a happy and restful summer holiday and you and your children are feeling excited for their first year in the Juniors.

Our whole school topic is 'London' and Year 3 and Year 4 are focussing on The Fire of London.

Fire Fire! Topic Overview Year 3

Classroom Environment	Hall transformation	Educational Visits	Possible London trip Fire station visit
Wow Factor Launch	The Great Fire of London book illustrator to lead art workshop	Key Texts	See Inside London The Great Fire of London: 350 th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1666
Outcomes / Open Day Focus	Art week – exhibition of London work	Homework	Weekly reading task Fortnightly spelling investigation Mymaths
English	Diary writing Recount Newspaper report (chronological report) Fire safety leaflets	RE	Not in this topic
Maths	Place value and number Addition and subtraction	Art / DT	Designing Tudor houses Great Fire of London paintings Baking bread Collage
Science	Forces – transport Materials	Music	Singing rounds/ rhymes Play tuned and untuned instruments
Computing	Using google slides and google docs Researching for information	PE	Dance
		Forest School	Not this term
History	17 th century London London - then and now Plague	French	Greetings and all about me
Geography	London monuments Infographic of London	PSHE + SMSC	Fire safety New beginnings



We are investigating the possibility of a trip to London; we will let you know as soon as possible if this is feasible.

PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday** afternoon. However, I have asked the children to bring their PE kit in on a Monday and leave it in school for the week, so we have the flexibility on sunny days to have a spontaneous PE session. Children will need to take their PE kit home on a Friday to be washed.

Homework

Children will read in a small group guided reading session with me once a week. During this session I will set the children homework, to be completed for the following week. This might be a response to the text we have been reading, answering questions, drawing a picture or completing a piece of creative writing. The children will have a guided reading journal to take home to complete their homework in. They will also have a small homework diary to write in the task and when it is due in. Please encourage your child to keep these books in their bookbag and bring them to school each week.

Children can borrow books from our Year 3 book corner to take home and read. This includes a variety of colour banded books, chapter, picture and non-fiction books. Children will also have time in the KS2 library each week and can borrow one book at a time from there. The children can continue using the bookcase of colour banded books in the KS1 library as well. We will also be visiting the Wallingford library once a term.

I will also be setting Mymaths homework each week and will send home details of the children's logins again shortly.

If you have any questions about the homework or the routines and expectations in Year 3, please don't hesitate to speak to me after school.

Yours sincerely,

Georgie Harrison