

Rubies and Sapphires

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a lovely Summer break. We have enjoyed hearing about all of the exciting things you have been up to.

This term our topic is The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about 17th century London, the events of the Great Fire of London and about Samuel Pepys. We will make comparisons between life then and life today. After half term we will be moving on to the topic 'Wonderful Weather', where we will be learning about different weather types and seasons.

In Science, we will be starting off with the topic 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will learn about the different features of animals and explore different animal groups and their diets. We will also learn about the human body and conduct a test of our senses. After half term we will be learning about seasonal changes with a focus on Autumn and Winter. Alongside our geography topic we will think about how different types of weather can be measured and explore the changes that we can see in our environment between the two seasons.

In English, we will be focusing on our handwriting and working towards writing independently using the correct punctuation (capital letters, full stops, commas, apostrophes, exclamation marks and question marks) and spellings. We will be looking at a variety of writing types, such as rhyming and alliterative poetry, instructions, letters and fictional stories.

In Mathematics, this half term we will be learning about place value, additions and subtractions. Next half term we will focus on money, multiplication and division. We will work on our problem solving skills and recording our work.

P.E. will continue to take place twice a week and will remain on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Every week the children will be completing Football and Tag Rugby with the external P.E. teachers. Please can the children continue to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on the days underlined.

In addition to this, we will still be doing Religious Education, Computing, Music, PSHE, Art and DT.

For homework, we are continuing on with our termly selection of Maths and English activities for your children to complete at home. This does not need to be brought into school to be marked but please ask if you are concerned about any of the activities. In addition to maths and English activities, we will be sending home topic homework. The children can choose which task they complete each week and record this in their homework books, which will need to be brought back into school every week to be marked. The benefits of completing the tasks are huge. Please see the additional letter about homework sent home today.

We are also asking that you continue to hear your children read throughout the week (ideally every day). Please ask them a question about what they have read to check their comprehension. Additionally, please continue to practice weekly spellings and times tables. Scores will be written in your child's reading record and the tests will now take place each Friday. If the times table remains the same, we will not write it in until it changes.

We are always available to discuss any concerns or answer any questions after school.

Best wishes

Miss Muller and Mrs Riddaway