

Dear Parents & Carers,

This term we will be going on an adventure with our favourite exploring bear, with an amazing learning context of 'Paddington's Adventures'. We will be investigating our local area, community and beyond, including finding out about the Great Fire of London and uses and properties of everyday materials.



Homework will continue to be set in a bingo card format so the children can continue to choose their task on a weekly basis. Homework should be brought into school by Tuesday each week and books will be returned on Fridays. We will begin to learn times tables this year, mainly focusing on the 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables, so any practice at home will benefit the children; this could be in the form of rote learning, singing and games. The children will soon be given a log-in for Times Tables Rockstars, which is a great game for developing their maths fluency. For English homework, the children should continue to practise spellings for the weekly test on a Friday and they will also be given home access to 'Spelling Shed' games. Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week; there will be badges to earn again this year! If there are any difficulties with children accessing online games at home, please do get in contact and we can allocate them time to play in school.

Below I will briefly outline what will be covered in the different subjects over the course of the term and suggest some ways in which the children could be supported.

Subject	Overview	Possible home support
English	English this term will include poetry, diary writing about the Great Fire of London, story writing and letter writing to persuade.	Regular reading is incredibly important at this time. Reading with an adult at least three times a week will support the children not only in developing reading skills but also spelling and writing inspiration. The homework pack will include a range of questions to ask the children when reading to develop their understanding of the text. Useful Websites: www.readingeggs.co.uk https://play.edshed.com/login www.topmarks.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1)

Maths	In maths, we will cover a range of topics including place value, addition, subtraction and shape. We will also be concentrating on developing our fluency in counting, using number bonds and knowing the 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables.	The key to success in maths is understanding, repetition and practice. Any exposure to these mathematical concepts will help the children be successful. This could include accessing online games and real-life applications (such as telling the time as much as possible throughout the day). Useful Websites: www.topmarks.co.uk https://play.ttrockstars.com/
Science	In science, we will be investigating everyday materials and how they are used. We will be conducting experiments to discover their properties, uses and limitations. After half term, we will be learning about the environment and the changes that are happening due to climate change, recycling and energy use with a particular focus on our local area.	As part of our topic, we will be looking at materials with a particular focus on buildings and structures in our local area. It would help the children to have a familiarity with Frinton and some of the structures within the town. When we move onto our environment investigation. The children would benefit from applying their learning by helping with recycling and being aware of energy uses in the home. Useful Websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) www.theschoolrun.com
Geography	This term we will be really focusing on geography, developing our knowledge and geographical skills. We will be start by looking worldwide before focusing in on our local area. The children will be learning the names of continents, countries and seas before making maps of our school and town. We'll also be learning about Paddington's adopted city - London.	Practising their knowledge of continents, seas and countries will help the children feel confident. There are lots of songs on YouTube to help with this. Also looking at our local area helps with geographical understanding. Perhaps when walking in your town, you could discuss key features, why people might live there and the coast. Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) www.natgeokids.com
History	Our history topic will be 'The Great Fire of London' (1666). The children will learn about how the fire started, the response to, and the impact of, the fire. The children will use the account of the diarist Samuel Pepys to inspire their own diary writing (in English lessons).	Discussing this historical event with the children will encourage them to think critically and ask their own questions to develop their historical investigation skills. Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/

PE	Over the term, children will take part in one outdoor PE session and one indoor PE session. The outdoor session will be based on learning to attack and defend in sports. Children's indoor sessions will focus on dance and relating dance to national events and holidays such as Diwali and the Gun Powder Plot.	Any sort of participation in sports clubs, either in or out of school, would be very useful for the children. Physical exercise is extremely important for our well-being and is beneficial for the children's development regardless of the form it takes. Useful Videos: Cosmic Kids Yoga Go Noodle https://www.nhs.uk/change4life
Computing	This term our e-safety focus will be 'My Online Life' which will focus on e-safety by developing awareness and skills to stay safe online.	E-safety is highly important in the modern world and any advice that the children receive is of great use and will help keep them safe online. Useful Websites: www.saferinternet.org.uk www.hourofcode.com www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1)
Art and DT	The children will be completing a project to create a moving (pop-up style) book this term. This will involve them in exploring different mechanisms and techniques.	Children love books that are interactive and that have moving parts. Exploring as many books like this as possible will help the children understand the mechanisms and inspire their projects.

PE will be on a Monday (Outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). Please ensure children wear their PE kits on those days (white t-shirts, red shorts/joggers and trainers or plimsolls).

We can't wait to begin this adventure with the children, learning about our local area, our capital city, our country and the wider world!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Dowman, Mrs Bollu and Miss Sibley.

