



## Christ the King Year 2 Autumn 2 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term Year 2 learning is based around London Long Ago– The topic is about how events and people in the past have shaped our lives today.

The children are going to have lots of opportunities to develop their understanding and application of phonics and really build on their reading skills. We will be using books such as ‘Where the Poppies Now Grow’ as well as looking at the diaries of Samuel Pepys to support children’s learning about how people’s actions in the past affect our lives today. The children will be thinking hard to develop their writing by using a range of skills including : adjectives and conjunctions. Work will include non-fiction writing, narratives from another viewpoint, focusing on the feelings and actions of different writers and writing their own diary entries, firework poems and recounts of events.

Writing and Literacy skills will lead this topic as the children explore the Gospel Value question **‘How did people in the past show compassion’** and **‘Was everyone in the past peaceful?’** This will help them to develop their awareness of our Gospel Values and lead them to consider the many ways in which we show compassion and peace to each other.

Excitingly, as part of this term’s topic we will be having a ‘Drama Day’ with a theatre company coming into school to work with the children with a Great Fire of London workshop. We have already invited the children to come dressed to school on this day as a person of that time.

With kind regards,

Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Pain



### **Reading**

Children will be reminded to change reading books every Monday and Thursday if they have finished their books. Please do remember to write a reading comment and sign their Reading Record for our reading awards. We count the daily reading signatures in our class Reading Race. We encourage children to read and re-read text to gain confidence and fluency. So please do not worry if your child comes home with a book they have already read.

### **Reading Awards: Pink– 25 reads– earned by:-**

Adam, Adrianna, Arianne, Charlie M-N, Hope, Imogen, Julia, Lorenzo, Luke, Mia, Oliver, Olivia, Olivier, Ritchie, Sara

Adrian, Benji, Hanna, Harley. Henry, Isaac B, Isaac F, Lennie, Jacob, Lilianna, Maja, Sienna, Sophie

### **Helpful Reminders:**

With windows remaining open around the school, in line with government guidelines, please can children wear enough under layers to keep them warm.

Pe kits to be worn on a Monday and Friday.

A stapled pack of resources has come home to help with supporting your child at home with phonics and numbers. We hope you find this useful!

### **Diary dates:**

Dress up drama day! 10th November

Year 1 and 2 Nativity- Wednesday 8th December (PM-TBC)

Return to school- Tuesday 4th January 2022

### **Home Learning**

Weekly spellings will continue to be provided on Tuesdays in red home learning logs. Please continue to check the suggested tasks set on IXL each week to follow up lessons in school. We hope you have enjoyed the reading tasks the children have been set and has given you an insight into the teaching of Reading skills in Year 2.

## Year 2 Great Fire of London Home Learning Project

### We invite you to make a Stuarts house!

We would like the children to make a small 17th century, Stuarts house. You may use any materials you like, from recycling anything you have at home. We would like to see these in school week beginning **Monday 29th November** please.

Here are some design ideas:



### Useful materials might be:

Cardboard (cereal packets, food boxes etc)

Glue

Paper (black and white)

Paint

Felt tips for detail

Feel free to use any other materials you want