



Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is great to see the Year 2 children coming in with so much confidence and eagerness to support our new members of the class. A very warm welcome to the new Year One children, who have made an equally impressive start to the term, and their families. The new class is already working together with enthusiasm and cooperation. I am sure that we are going to have a fantastic and productive year together!

We are starting with a popular cross curricular theme of '**Fire, Fire!**' which is based on The Great Fire of London. We will lead gently into this theme, after starting with our whole school theme based on the book 'Five Bears' by C. Rayner which is all about friendship.

The science theme will be '**Everyday Materials and their uses**'. This topic helps the children to identify not only different materials but also focuses on their suitability for particular uses. In Key Stage 1 we also study the changing seasons throughout the year.

Home Learning tasks will commence for Year 2 on Friday 23rd September, more details will follow. Year 1 tasks will commence in January. Please continue to share books with your child and use the Reading Record to add any comments on home reading. Please see the additional sheet on RWI home support and these sessions will commence on Monday 19th September. Your child will bring home a set of words to practise spelling through the week and we have a Spelling Check on a Friday.

Below is an outline of the Curriculum areas and what we will be learning about.

English	<p>Whole school focus book: 'Five Bears' by C. Rayner</p> <p>Poetry: Harvest Time focus</p> <p>Fiction: 'The Fire Fox' by A. Page. Looking at the elements of story. Planning and writing our own stories</p> <p>Non-fiction: Time Travel (based on The Great Fire of London)</p> <p>Writing Recounts</p> <p>Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling activities</p> <p>RWI – daily sessions</p> <p>Handwriting exercises</p>
Maths	<p>Place Value (3 weeks): Yr1 Examples – Sorting, Counting, 1 more/ 1 less, Counting backwards, Using a number line Yr2 Examples – Recognising 10s & 1s, Partitioning numbers, Writing numbers in words, Estimating numbers and Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s & 10s</p> <p>Addition and Subtraction (3 weeks) Investigational Maths (ongoing)</p>

Science	<p>Uses of Everyday Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying uses - Materials in the environment - Comparing suitability - Changing shape of materials - Recycling - Inventors of new materials <p>Seasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autumn
I.T.	<p>Technology Around Us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using technology - Developing mouse skills - Using a keyboard with confidence - Using a computer responsibly
History/ Geography	<p>The Great Fire of London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past & Present London - How long ago was 1666? - Who was Samuel Pepys - Events of the Great Fire
Art/ D.T.	<p>Mix it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Colour Wheel - Looking at art by a range of artists - Colour Carousel - Colour Challenge
R.E.	<p>Christianity – Does God want Christians to look after the World? Christian Creation story Reflection on what is important to me and other people with the way I think and behave in relation to nature and the World</p>
P.E.	<p>Dance, Movement and Yoga (Wednesday) Games with Ignite Sport (Thursday)</p>
Music	<p>Rhymes & Songs of the Great Fire</p>
P.S.H.E.	<p>New Beginnings which focuses on: Empathy, self-awareness, motivation and social skills</p>

Our School value for this term is Relationships and we will be exploring this theme as a whole school as well as in our class assembly times.

Mrs McConaghy will be working with Cherwell Class on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings; and Mrs Ilsley will be teaching for the remainder of the week. Mrs McClean is in Cherwell Class all week except for Thursday afternoons.

If you would like any further details on the term or have any questions please let me know. There will be a 'drop in session' for the new Year 1 Cherwell Parents on **Thursday 15th September** from 3:30 – 5:00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to pop into the classroom to ask any questions about Cherwell Class, that may arise after the initial start of term.

Thank you for your support.

Julie Ilsley