

Newsletter

Botswana Class

November 2019

Dear Parents

Science - Science - Seasonal changes _ Autumn and Winter

We will be observing changes in the seasons, how hours of daylight shorten in Autumn and Winter, we will build a simple weather station; take measurements and make observations about changes in the weather and draw simple conclusions. We will go out and look for signs of Autumn in nature and learn about how some animals migrate and hibernate in Winter.



History - The Great Fire of London. We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London. How it started, why it spread so quickly and so far, and how we know about it through different sources including the diaries of Samuel Pepys. We will be thinking about how building materials have changed, how our towns and cities are designed since the Great Fire of London to prevent fire spreading. We will also learn about our modern fire service and how they help prevent fires and the equipment they use to put fires out.



In Literacy we will begin with reading and writing instructions; writing a title, a list and heading and then numbered steps with each step beginning with a command. Then we will continue with the non-fiction genre and write a simple report about the causes and events of the Great Fire of London. We will then read some stories with familiar settings around the theme of Christmas.



In Maths - Children will add and subtract numbers using apparatus, part-whole and bar models, by counting on and back and using simple written methods. They will then solve real-life problems involving addition and subtraction. They will be learning more number facts by heart from Big Maths and Year 2 will start Rockstar Times Tables. We will be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes and describing their features.

Art and Design technology- We will be mixing paint to make hot colours and using these to create fire pictures linked to our topic The Great Fire of London.



RE topic - Christmas gifts

We will be thinking about giving and receiving gifts. How we feel and when we give and receive gifts. We will think about why people give Christmas presents and about God's gift of the baby Jesus and how this gift has changed the world.

PE this half term will be on Monday morning with NUFC and on Thursday afternoon with Mrs Critchlow. It is very important that your child has a named PE in school at all times. We realise that children use their kit for clubs but they must bring it back in the next day for their PE lesson.

Best wishes

Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mrs Critchlow