

Accelerated Reader

Questions to ask your child when they read:

- What is this book about?
- Is it fiction or non-fiction?
- How do you know if this is fiction/non-fiction?
- Who is the main character?
- Why do you like/dislike this book?
- What was the moral of the story?

PE

Ibn Zayd - Wednesday PM

Bint Abee Bakr - Monday PM

Ibn Abbass - Thursday PM

Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled.

Homework

Homework is given to build upon the mathematical strategies and writing techniques pupils have been practicing in class. It is crucial that you spend time with your child helping to consolidate them. This will boost your child's confidence in class and reinforce their learning.

Homework and reading books

Please ensure all homework books are returned on Monday or at the latest Tuesday. Spelling folders need to be returned every Thursday. Reading books need to be returned at least once a week.



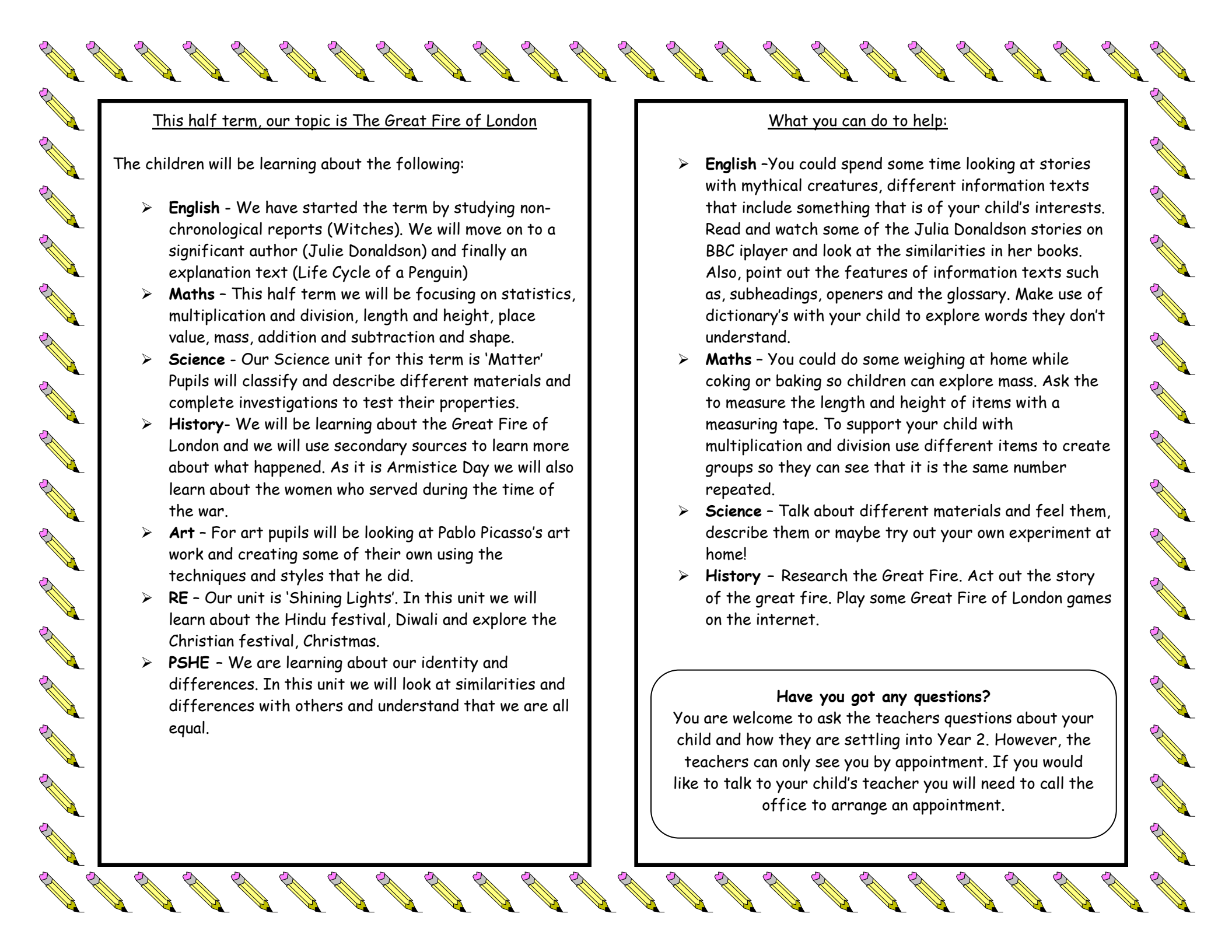
Olive School

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2023



London's Burning!



This half term, our topic is The Great Fire of London

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We have started the term by studying non-chronological reports (Witches). We will move on to a significant author (Julie Donaldson) and finally an explanation text (Life Cycle of a Penguin)
- **Maths** - This half term we will be focusing on statistics, multiplication and division, length and height, place value, mass, addition and subtraction and shape.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Matter' Pupils will classify and describe different materials and complete investigations to test their properties.
- **History**- We will be learning about the Great Fire of London and we will use secondary sources to learn more about what happened. As it is Armistice Day we will also learn about the women who served during the time of the war.
- **Art** - For art pupils will be looking at Pablo Picasso's art work and creating some of their own using the techniques and styles that he did.
- **RE** - Our unit is 'Shining Lights'. In this unit we will learn about the Hindu festival, Diwali and explore the Christian festival, Christmas.
- **PSHE** - We are learning about our identity and differences. In this unit we will look at similarities and differences with others and understand that we are all equal.

What you can do to help:

- **English** -You could spend some time looking at stories with mythical creatures, different information texts that include something that is of your child's interests. Read and watch some of the Julia Donaldson stories on BBC iplayer and look at the similarities in her books. Also, point out the features of information texts such as, subheadings, openers and the glossary. Make use of dictionary's with your child to explore words they don't understand.
- **Maths** - You could do some weighing at home while coking or baking so children can explore mass. Ask the to measure the length and height of items with a measuring tape. To support your child with multiplication and division use different items to create groups so they can see that it is the same number repeated.
- **Science** - Talk about different materials and feel them, describe them or maybe try out your own experiment at home!
- **History** - Research the Great Fire. Act out the story of the great fire. Play some Great Fire of London games on the internet.

Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and how they are settling into Year 2. However, the teachers can only see you by appointment. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you will need to call the office to arrange an appointment.