Class 1

Autumn2

 Half Term Overview

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

This half term’s topic is predominantly history based. The children will be applying their history skills from last half term to deepen their historical knowledge as we find out about ‘The Great Fire of London’. I am sure this topic will capture the interest of the children as we take them back in time to explore what London was like in 1666. We will be finding out the answers to questions such as What made London so easy to burn? How did the fire start and where did it spread to? We will develop our chronological skills as we place events from the fire in order and expand our historical vocabulary as we learn new words and their meanings.

In literacy, the children will be applying their writing skills to diary entries and letter writing linked to The Great Fire of London. The children will continue to develop their phonic skills in our daily sessions and we will be practicing spellings regularly through a range of activities.

In maths, the children will be consolidating their knowledge of place value and applying strategies to addition and subtraction. During the half term we will be finding out about shape, space and measure.

The children will be taking part in swimming and gymnastics lessons this half term at Richard Rose Morton Academy. Your child will need a swimming costume and towel every Tuesday for the first 5 weeks.

New homework menus have been added to the children’s books. The ‘starters’ from the menu must be completed each week and the children can choose at least one activity from the ‘main’ or ‘dessert’ menu to be completed over the half term. Homework is not compulsory, however your contributions and support from home really do help to enhance the learning taking place in school.

Reading books will be swapped throughout the week. Please support your child by reading with them at home on a daily basis and make a note in their reading diary. **Children should bring their book bags with their reading diary and school reading book(s) to school every day**. If you or a family member are available to support our morning reading activities (9am-91.5am) please let me know.

Dates for your diary (Please check the website for any additional dates and information).

* KS1 & 2 Open Evening – 7th November 3.15-6.15pm
* KS1 Christmas panto- 18th December (details to follow)
* KS2 –Christmas Production- 12th December
* Christmas Carol service – 17th December Wetheral Church
* KS1/2 Christmas party day and lunch-20th December

As always, your contributions to our learning are greatly valued. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see me.

Many Thanks

Mrs Rose