

# Year One Newsletter

Driving questions: How could the Great Fire of London have been prevented?  
How will I be able to tell the difference between pieces of work that are inspired by  
Andy Goldsworthy and Van Gogh?

## Literacy

During this term we will be exploring some exciting books such as Owl Babies, The Day the Crayons Quit and Stick man. We will be continuing to focus on writing sentences using punctuation, such as full stops and capital letters in the correct places when writing and making sure our handwriting is neat. However, we will also be looking at how we can use adjectives to describe.

**At home:** Practise your punctuation knowledge by playing this game:

<http://www.sentenceplay.co.uk/SentenceDoctor.html>

## Maths

In maths this term, we will have a focus on number. We will learn how to add and subtract within 10. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as patterns and sorting shapes.

**At home:** please can your practise reciting the number bonds to 10 with your child, they could do this by saying them aloud, writing them down, making posters to represent the different ways of showing the number bond. If your child is secure with their number bonds to 10, please focus on number bonds to 20. Number bonds to 10 include: 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5 and 10+0. In addition to this, please practice reading and writing numbers to 20 including as words. As we are also learning about shapes and patterns you can find activities here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

## PE and Forest School

This term our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure you are sending your child with **warm P.E. clothes** for our outdoor sessions including black jumpers, jogging bottoms, trainers and socks. Please can you also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days. This term we will be learning to sequence dance moves in our indoor PE sessions. In outdoor PE, we are practising our ball skills including throwing and hitting with control. **There is no Forest School in Term 2!**

## Creative Curriculum

At the beginning of the term, we will be focusing on history by learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about significant events which happened during the fire and the impact this has had on our lives today. This term we are having a big art focus in creative curriculum lessons, learning about patterns and using objects from the environment to create sculptures and different pieces of art work. We are also going to be researching and comparing the works of the artists Vincent Van Gogh and Andy Goldsworthy. The children will create their own pieces of amazing art work in the style of these artists.

## **Information you need to know:**

We will be visiting the Mill to watch a performance of Stick Man on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. You should have received a separate letter about this trip and how to pay for it on Arbor. Please let your class teacher know if you have not received the letter.

## Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Term 2 Starts

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Parents evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November: PTFA School Disco 3:15pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November: INSET Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 Theatre Trip to the Mill

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: KS1 Carol Concert 2:30pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of school finish at 1.30pm