

Year 1
Five Minute
Curriculum Update
(Autumn 2 2022)

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Our Curriculum Connector this half term: Great Fire of London
Author of the half term: Mairi Hedderwick
Value of the half term: Appreciation

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn 2

Friday 11th November

- ◆ Remembrance Day 11.11.22

Friday 14th November

- ◆ Children In Need

Monday 21st November

- ◆ Monday- Non-Uniform for Christmas Quiz & Present Room

Thursday 24th November

- ◆ 9.30 Library van visit

Thursday 1st December

- ◆ Christmas Jumper Day and Secret Friend Launch and 6.00 Christmas Quiz

Friday 2 December 2022

- ◆ Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5th December

- ◆ 8.30 Panto Trip to see Cinderella - Rec - yr. 6

Thursday 8th December

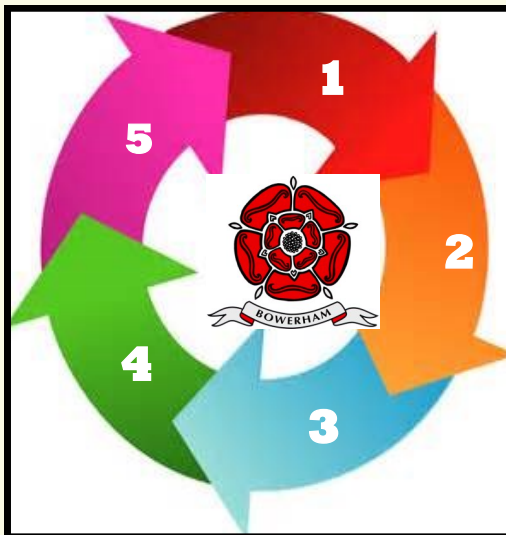
- ◆ 2.00 Yr.1 Singing Performance

Monday 12th December

- ◆ Present room and 12.00 KS1 Christmas Lunch & Party and 12.00

Friday 16th December

- ◆ Christmas Closure @ 1.30pm



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Outcomes:

- ◆ Christmas Performance
- ◆ DT Christmas Makes
- ◆ Pantomime trip

2, The children have settled positively well into Year 1. During Autumn 1, the children have been enjoying learning all about our topic- Animal Kingdom. We had a fantastic visit from 'Little Zoo To You'. We learnt lots about animal diets and habitats and as the children loved it so much, we celebrated our Marble Day dressed as animals! The children worked so hard on our Harvest Festival performance, we are really proud of each and every one of you! Following a discussion with the children, we identified the following activities as some of their favourite:

- ◆ "I loved making Leaf Man pizzas and using sweetcorn for his eyes"
- ◆ "I learnt that millipedes are invertebrate which means they have no back-bone"
- ◆ "I liked it when we made caterpillars in the creative area!"
- ◆ "My pizza on the computer had lots of toppings"
- ◆ "I enjoyed bringing our baby pictures in and seeing the teachers baby pictures"
- ◆ "I learn that humans are omnivores!"

3, After a very exciting first half term in Year 1, we are looking forward to the half term ahead and it is clear that it will be a busy one! Our curriculum connector for this half term is **The Great Fire of London!**

When we return to school, we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We shall be looking at the chronological order of events that happened during The Great Fire of London. This will give children an great understanding of a key event that happened in British history. We are so excited to explore this topic through many curriculum subjects for instance, in Art we will be exploring water colours and making a Silhouettes of London Landmarks. In Geography, we will be looking at UK countries and capital cities. We will also be comparing physical and human features between London and Lancaster at Christmas. This links nicely to our Christmas Makes week. The children will develop skills in DT by making a Lancaster landmarks calendar and an Elf card with a lever mechanism. The children will be learning about Christianity and looking at a Key Question: Why is Jesus special to Christians? Within this topic we will learn The Nativity Story and Beliefs about Jesus as God incarnate. We are super excited for our Fun Science too! The children will perform a range of science experiments- **including a Sweets and Chemical reaction with Coke investigation**. In Maths we will be expanding our skills and we will learn about Place Value within 20.

Our weekly "hooks" for learning to get the children engaged will be linked to a variety of Year 1 recommended texts, including stories by **Mairi Hedderwick**- our Author of the half-term. We look forward to creating our own post-cards and invitations in Literacy. Please keep an eye on your child's Showbie account and Facebook to see all their amazing work. We cannot wait to get stuck in!