

Year 1
Five Minute
Curriculum Update
(Autumn 2 2023)

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Our Curriculum Connector this half term: Great Fire of London
Author of the half term: Michael Bond
Value of the half term: Positivity

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn 2

Wednesday 1st November

- Winning Wednesday

Friday 10th November

- 10:50am Remembrance Assembly

Friday 17th November

- Children in Need Day

Monday 20th November

- Non-Uniform, collecting donations for Christmas Quiz & Present Room

Friday 1st December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Secret Friend Launch
- Christmas Quiz 6pm

Monday 4th December

- 8:30am Pantomime Trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday 7th December

- 2pm Year 1 Singing Performance

Friday 8th December

- Secret Friend Presents to be in

Monday 11th December

- 12pm KS1 Christmas Lunch and Party

Week Commencing Monday 18th December

- Present Room Open

Thursday 21st December

- Celebration Assembly
- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas!



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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. 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 enjoyed completing my rainbow challenges, I collected all my lolly sticks!"
- ♦ "I loved making Leaf Man pizzas and using pepperoni for his eyes"
- ♦ "I enjoyed drawing the colour monster in drawing club and giving him a code to make him fart!"
- ♦ "I learnt that millipedes are invertebrate which means they have no back-bone"
- ♦ "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. In Geography, we will be looking at UK countries and capital cities. We will also be comparing physical and human features in and around our school. Coming up after this we will have our Christmas Makes week. The children will develop skills in DT by making 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 **Michael Bond**- our Author of the half-term. We also look forward to the launch of 'The Curious Quest' in Literacy where the children will create some drawings and writing for some exciting new characters they are yet to meet. 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!