



Autumn Term 2022

Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to see you all back after the Summer term! We hope that you had a restful and happy break and are ready to settle back into school life and all of the exciting experiences that we have planned for you. We look forward to a term full of interesting learning and hard work.

Our Autumn Term Topic- 'How can I be a good Historian?'

This term our topic is entitled 'How can I be a good historian?'. We will be using a range of historical sources to answer key questions relating to the Great Fire of London and other events in history and

representing the key elements of the story in different and interesting ways. The children will also be finding out about historical figures like Samuel Pepys and Guy Fawkes.

Science

In Science we will be finding out about different everyday materials. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of everyday materials, including wood, metal, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard as these relate to our topic. We will also be considering the different properties of these materials.

Wider experiences!

In order to ignite pupils' interest and imagination-and really bring our topic to life-we are pleased to inform you we have planned a workshop this half term. The company 'History Off the Page' will be providing us with immersive, hands-on learning activities to complement the work we are doing in the classroom. The children will have the opportunity to dress up in Victorian clothes on that day to really feel the part! We will also be creating our own 'mini-London' and setting it ablaze! All of these experiences together, will support pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Great Fire from the perspective of people who survived the fire.

Home-Learning

Home learning continues to be an essential part of your child's learning and is used to consolidate work completed in school and prepare children for future learning. Activities include; daily reading (at least 5 times a week), weekly spellings, and regular practise of multiplication facts including the use of Times Tables Rock Stars.

We thank you for ongoing support and look forward to an exciting term.

With best wishes for a successful term, The Lower School Team.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Book bag or similar with reading book, reading diary and homework folder.

Dates for your diary

Individual school photos - Tuesday 4th October

Inset Day – Friday 7th October

Fire of London Day -Those History People –Tuesday 18th October

Half Term holiday –Week beginning 24th October

PTFA Firework night - Thursday 3rd November.

Pantomime at the Princes Theatre -Thursday 15th December

Autumn Term ends –Tuesday 20th December.

First day of Spring term - 5th January

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/action~month/exact_date~1567292400/request_format~html/

Our Newsletters

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/newsletter/>

Our Curriculum

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/our-children/>

Our Safeguarding

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/safeguarding/>



‘Love one another as I have loved you’ (John 15:12).