

Parent Newsletter



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From the Principal

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Curriculum Topics for the Term

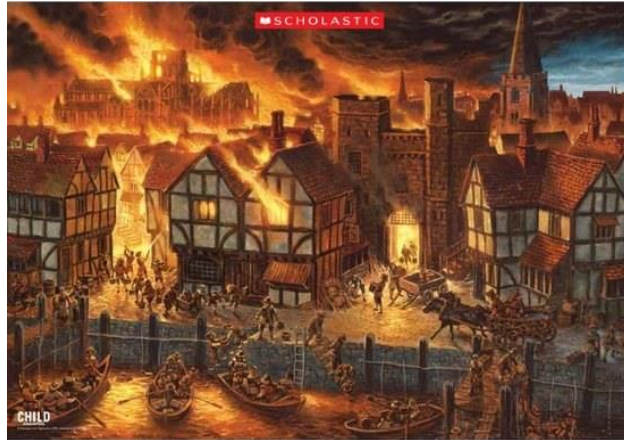


Reception Topic - The leaves are falling in Reception for our new topic Into the Woods. This term we will be honing our singing and acting skills in preparation for our first performance on the Parklands stage, Wiggly Nativity! We will be looking closely at the seasonal changes around us. Also learning and exploring the many wonderful religious and cultural celebrations that this time of year offers. We will also be Watching the Stickman production at Dergate Theatre, this is an exciting addition to our curriculum. This will allow the children to experience live theatre which will be a memorable and educational experience!



Year 1 Topic - Year 1 are taking a trip back in time to the Tudors! To start this exciting term, we will be thinking about what is a monarch and what it takes to be a successful one. We will be explore the rules

that we would want to put in place if we were King/ Queen of Parklands. We will then be moving onto looking at the lives of Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, Elizabeth II and Charles III; thinking about what key events happened in this time period, what changes these Monarchs made. We can't wait to step back in time for this exciting history exploration!



Year 2 Topic - During this term, we are going back in time to The Stuarts. We will learn about the Monarchs within this period of time and key events that happened during their reign; this will include the Civil War and Restoration of Charles II. We look forward to immersing ourselves by taking a step back in history. After delving into the Stuart's history, we will be learning about one of the most famous events in that period; The Great Fire of London. We will complete lots of activities to help us gain greater understanding of the events that occurred, how the fire spread, the impact it had on London and how it was put to an end.

To bring history to life, we will be having a 'Stuarts' themed day where we will travel back in time and experience life as it was in the 1600s



Year 3 Topic - In our upcoming topic, we will be exploring and comparing the fascinating Anglo-Saxon and Norman period of time in history. This will provide our students with an exciting opportunity to delve into the rich cultural and historical heritage that shaped our society today. Throughout this topic, we will be focusing on various aspects, including the changing roles of women, the evolution of clothing, and the layout of villages during this era. By examining these areas, our students will gain a deeper understanding of how society evolved during the Anglo-Saxon and Norman period. We will dive into the key battles and prominent figures that played pivotal roles during this time. This will enable our students to develop a comprehensive understanding of the historical events and individuals that shaped this

distinct period. We will explore themes of conflict and examine different ways in which conflicts were resolved. By doing so, our students will gain valuable insights into the significance of compromise and peaceful negotiation in resolving issues. We are excited to embark on this historical journey with our students and look forward to immersing ourselves in the captivating world of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman period. Through engaging lessons and enriching activities, we aim to ignite their curiosity and foster a love for history!



Year 4 Topic - Mysterious Mayans! In Year 4, we are thrilled to embark on an exciting journey into the captivating world of the ancient Mayans. Our young historians will unravel the secrets of Mayan writing, explore their fascinating number system and delve into their intriguing religious rituals. We'll be investigating their remarkable calendar while weighing up the evidence surrounding the mysterious decline of this fascinating civilization to draw our own conclusions about what happened to them!



Year 5 Topic - This term, is another exciting term for year 5, as we are exploring the First World War! This is a riveting topic where the children will become Historians exploring not only the battles and the ferocious fighting across the Globe but also how it affected everyday people on the home front. By focusing on men, women, and their lives during the War. To fully immerse the children into the curriculum, we will be recreating trenches in the classroom, using Virtual reality as well as baking a ration chocolate cake. Then to end this exciting topic, we will be having our own football festivity to celebrate our learning and to commemorate the spontaneous truce on Christmas Eve 1914, to remember all of the people who sacrificed themselves for our country.



Year 6 Topic - This half term, Year 6 will be delving into our first Geography topic of the year 'An Asian Adventure'. With some fantastic learning opportunities through art and the use of technology, our Year 6 children will begin by learning all about the geographical location and features of the continent of Asia and creating their own maps that not only demonstrate this knowledge, but also show the information they gather about the cultures of some of the countries of the continent. As we move through the term, the children we then learn about the role of communism in Asia as well as the modern day problems that people living there experience today. After discovering about the trade industry of Asia and comparing the continent to other continents that they have learnt about during their time at Parklands, the Year 6 children will compile and present their new knowledge into a presentation which they will present to their peers and the end of the term.

Connecting with the community

We feel it is so important for our children to learn the importance of community and giving back. As the festive period approaches it is even more important for us to reflect on those who are less fortunate than us. In the we will be taking part with lots of giving activities to help our local community. We are currently collecting harvest donations for a local food bank please drop any donations you have to the school office! We will continue to update you on other ways we are connecting with our community.

Upcoming events this term!



We are so excited for our Christmas Fair, which will take place from 4-6pm on Friday 1st December! We will have performance from our fantastic choir, Santa's grotto, a range of stalls, games, as well as food and drink! We will have a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall too, so if you are having a clear out and would like to donate any Christmas jumpers, big or small, please drop into the school office. Any donations would be gratefully received! If you know of any stallholders who could be part of our fantastic event, please contact friendsofparklands@parklandsprimary.org If you know of any businesses that can help us with a raffle prize (for a bit of advertising!) then please let us know!



Film night is on 9th November from 3:15pm - 5:15pm. Tickets are on sale until the 6th November - head over www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofparklands/ to book your tickets!

Key dates

Thursday 9th November - Film night

Monday 13th November - Individual school photos

Monday 13th November - Open event for new Reception intake Sept 2024

Tuesday 14th November - TT Rockstars day for KS 2

Friday 17th November - Children in need day - Non uniform

Tuesday 21st November - Open event for new Reception intake Sept 2024

Friday 24th November - Non uniform day, donations for our Christmas fair -EYFS /KS 1 - Donations of Chocolate for the PTA Christmas Fair - KS 2 - Donations of bottles for Christmas fair

Thursday 30th November - Reception Nativity performance to Parents - AM and PM performance

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fair 4pm

Thursday 7th November - Reception school trip

Wednesday 13th December - ABM Christmas dinner

Thursday 14th December - Reindeer run

Friday 15th December - Winter reports sent home

Monday 18th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas evening production

Tuesday 19th December - Year 1 Christmas Carols in the hall - 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - Year 2 Christmas carols in the hall - 10:15am

Tuesday 19th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas afternoon and evening production

Wednesday 20th December - Year 3 Christmas carols in the hall - 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December - Year 4 Christmas carols in the hall - 10:15am