London's Burning Swallows Cluster Sheet

FROXFIELD CE SCHOOL

2st September to 23rd October 2026

What are we going to be learning?

Welcome to year 2! The children always enjoy being in the lodge and the top of KS1, it is a step up and they love the extra challenge. The hook for a lot of our learning this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will use this in our literacy where the children will be asked to sequence their own sentences into a simple recount of 'The Great Fire of London'. We will also read and become familiar with the fairy tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' which the children will use to sequence, retell and rewrite the tale. In maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 100, specifically thinking about how two-digit numbers are made and how to bridge 10 when adding and subtracting.

In science we will be focussing on animals and their habitats. We will be exploring life cycles, understanding how animals live in habitats they are suited to and understanding basic food chains. In PE on a Tuesday the children will be working on basic movement, agility, balance and co-ordination. Thursday's PE will be dance based on the Great Fire of London. Our Concept for RE will be 'Thanking' in the context of Harvest Festival. Design Technology will have a 'Construction' focus where the children will be designing, making and evaluating a photograph frame. During our computing lessons, we will be learning to create a digital painting using our mouse skills.

How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

Thurs 22nd October at 2.30pm come for our Great Fire of London Dance Performance (classes 1 and 2)

Key Vocabulary:

History: legacy, monarchy, beyond living memory, material, cause, artefacts

Science: maturity, reproduce, die, offspring, life cycle, food chain, producer, consumer, habitat

How can learning be extended at home? (Your child will also bring home homework tasks, their current mental maths card and please see the reading record) Please support your child with re-establishing their routines for the start of the year such as arriving at school on time as well as remembering their book bag, water bottle and coat every day. Children will need to come to school on a Tuesday and Thursday in school PE kit plus school shoes as they need to leave their trainers in school to be used every day. Long hair must be tied back. Please establish daily reading routines at home always recording in your child's diary. Homework will be sent out on a Friday for Class 2 to complete by the following Wednesday. Spellings will begin for Larks from Friday to Friday, Swallows spellings are sent home on a Friday and tested the following Thursday. Please work on the weekly 'Maths Fluency Facts' to be found on the weekly homework sheets.

Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beg 31/8	Week beg 7/9	Week beg 14/9	Week beg 21/9	Week beg 28/9	Week beg 5/10	Week beg 12/10	Week beg 19/10
Tues: INSET Day Wed: Term starts	Tues: 3.30pm Meet the Teacher		Fri: Fire Service to visit Classes 1 and 2 Wednesday & Thursday - History Day			Tues: 2.40pm Harvest Service in church led by Class 2	Mon & Tues: Concept Day Tuesday & Thursday: Parents' Evening Thurs: 2.30pm Class 1 and 2 parents invited to Dance Performance in the village hall (as this is both classes, please can we ask for only 1 adult per child to attend).