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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary Year 2 pupils,

Each term, we send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 2 will be learning about **The Great Fire of London** in their **History** lessons. The Great Fire of London of September 1666 was one of the most famous incidents in Stuart England. It was the second tragedy to hit the city in the space of a year. Just as the city was recovering from the Great Plague, the inhabitants had to flee the city once again – this time not as a result of a disease, but the result of a human accident. We will be looking at what life was like in the 17th Century and comparing it with life now, the key events of the fire, how we know about it and what happened after. A knowledge organiser sharing all of the information – including key vocabulary, a timeline and maps – that the children will learn about in their History lessons is attached. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



In **Science**, the children will be learning about the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard and will be finding out how some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the book 'Mixed Up Fairy Tales' by Hilary Robinson and 'Tell me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. in their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they



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will be studying 'Eliot, Midnight Superhero' by Anne Cottringer and 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' by Margaret Nash.

In **Maths**, children will learn about addition and subtraction to 20, including use of the inverse operation. They will read and interpret the symbols for addition, subtraction and equals and begin to apply their fluency to solving some one-step word problems.

In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

In **Computing** lessons, the children will learn how to review photos online, practise using a camera, take photos to fit a given theme, edit their photos, and then select their best images based on lighting, orientation and effects.



In **Art**, they will be using maps as a stimulus for drawing, collage and printmaking pieces.

This term, **PE** will be on Monday and your child can wear their PE kit to school.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher or email year2@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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Year 2 Term 3 The Great Fire of London

Timeline of Key Events

Day	Event
Early Sunday morning	The fire starts at Thomas Farnmer's bakery on Pudding Lane.
Sunday evening	As news of the fire spreads, people run to escape from the paths. Houses are pulled down as an attempt is made to stop the fire spreading.
Early Monday morning	People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.
Monday evening	The fire spreads very close to the Tower of London.
Tuesday	St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.
Wednesday	The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.
Thursday	The fire is finally under control and put out.

Key Vocabulary and Facts

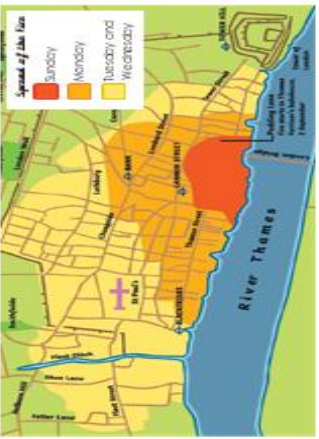
bakery	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc. The Great Fire started in Thomas Farnmer's bakery.
King Charles II	He was king at the time of the Great Fire.
Fire brigade	The first fire brigade was started after the Great Fire of London.
St Paul's Cathedral	A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire.
When and where did the fire start?	The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farnmer's bakery on Pudding Lane.
How and when was the fire put out?	By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.
Samuel Pepys	He wrote a diary from 1660 to 1669. It taught historians a lot about life in the 17th Century.



Map of the UK



Samuel Pepys



Spread of the Fire

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday and Wednesday