



# Elm Tree Class Newsletter

## Winter 1 Edition



First of all, we would like to welcome you back from your summer holidays for another academic year! Myself (Mr Hoyle) and Mrs Cassie are looking forward to getting to know both pupils and parents and are excited about getting stuck into a first term of learning. This term is all about getting to know the children and them getting to know us and our classroom routines. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us!

### Topic Overview

For our first topic we will be looking at the historical event of the Great Fire of London. The Great Fire of London will be our inspiration across a range of subjects from discussing materials and fire in science to making our own Tudor houses in art and design, and looking at capital cities across the United Kingdom



### English

This term's English will be inspired by the story of Toby and the Great Fire of London. Pupils will be writing diary recounts from the perspective of Toby, including time connectives, various adjectives and time connectives in their work.

### Maths

Pupils will begin their year 2 maths journey looking at place value and comparing numbers using less than and more than signs. Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's will also be at the forefront of our maths learning.

Suggested Reading – try to read fiction and non-fiction.



### Home Learning

Reading is a vital part of your child's learning and as a result, listening to and reading to your child is essential. Try to read with your child 5 times per week. Practising spelling of the year two common exception words along with some of the key words we will be using this term:

## Homework Challenge

Each half term we would like to encourage pupils to do our homework challenge and bring in their creations to display in the class/school. This term we would like pupils to have a go at creating anything to do with the Great Fire of London. It could be a fact file about the historical event, a drawing of London on fire, or even a Tudor house model before it was burned down. Please make sure you bring in any homework to show the class and so we can present them around the school!

### Key dates

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Evening

25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

September 2019							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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October 2019							
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### Parent Helpers



Our children love to read and really benefit from being heard reading frequently. So, if you can offer some of your time you can find a comfy spot to sit a listen to our children reading a story.

Over the year it is essential pupils are able to spell these particular common exception words. Please ensure these are practised on a regular basis.

## Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	child	every	half	move	plant	whole
again	children	everybody	hold	Mr	poor	who
any	Christmas	eye	hour	Mrs	pretty	wild
bath	class	fast	improve	old	prove	would
beautiful	climb	father	kind	only	should	
because	clothes	find	last	parents	steak	
behind	could	floor	many	pass	sugar	
both	cold	gold	mind	past	sure	
break	door	grass	money	path	told	
busy	even	great	most	people	water	

