

# KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2023



### Year 2

November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

#### **Our Topic**

Term 2: The Great Fire of London

In our topic this term, we will explore two very different events within the Stuart period. First, the children will investigate the events of the Gunpowder Plot which led to Bonfire Night being introduced into the UK calendar. We will also study the Great Fire of London, and decide whether or not it improved London for those living there. We will learn to interpret evidence from the time and afterwards, examining whether the sources are reliable.

#### **Maths and English**

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: counting in twos, fives and tens; multiplication and division; patterns around us; compass directions; fractions and time.

In order to support your child, you could support them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as looking at patterns in everyday objects and telling the time for events in your day.

It would support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the two times table and the ten times table.

In English, we will be learning about stories with a familiar setting, diaries, newspaper reports, explanations, setting descriptions and poems.

In order to support your child, you could read parts of the newspaper to your child, describe different places you visit or even create an interesting firework poem.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term will be sent home with their weekly homework; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

#### **PE**

PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

#### **Homework**

Homework is set on a Friday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

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#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

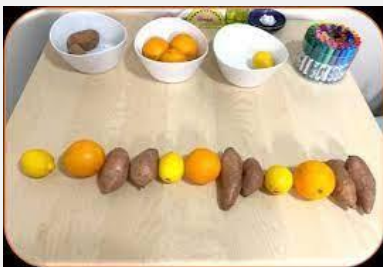
- Visit the local library and explore any Great Fire of London books.
- Read local newspapers or letters to see what is happening in your local area.
- Create your own 3D model house from the Stuart period like the image below.



- Use a range of craft materials to create a Great Fire of London scene.



- Create your own repeating patterns using everyday objects.



- Explore materials in your home by going on a material hunt. Record your findings in the table below.

Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise times tables.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling> to practise your year 2 spelling skills.

Visit <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns> to practise mathematical patterns

Visit <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time> to practise telling the time.

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#### **Important Dates**

- 06.11.23 - First day of Term 2
- 13.12.23 – Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 19.12.23 - Children's Christmas dinner
- 21.12.23 - Final day of Term 2
- 03.01.24 - First day of Term 3

**Please note there will be no after school clubs running on the last week of term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

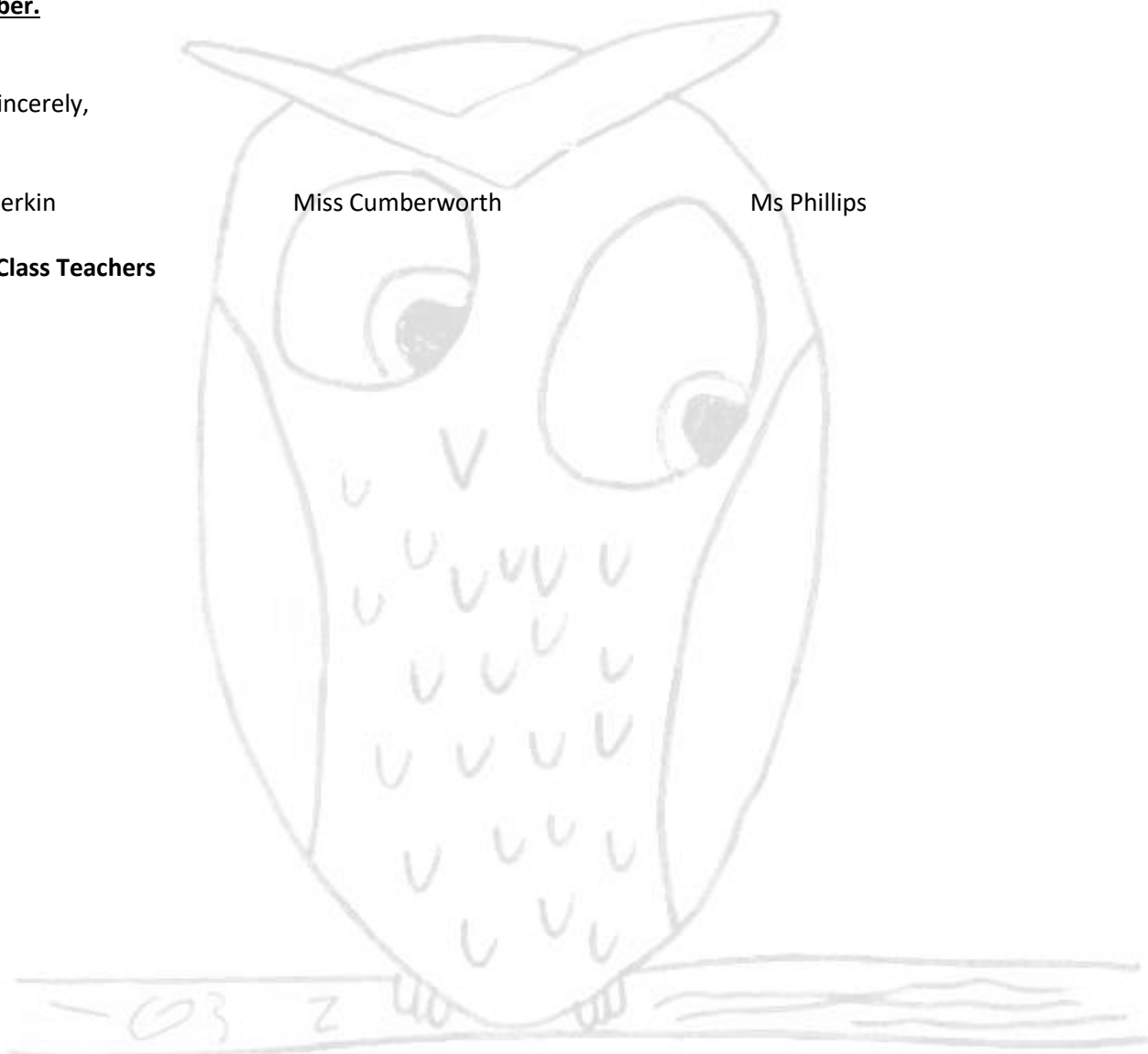
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Elderkin

Miss Cumberworth

Ms Phillips

**Year 2 Class Teachers**









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## Different Materials Hunt

Make a mark in the correct box each time you find something made from plastic, metal, wood or glass.

	Make a mark here each time you find an object
<p>Plastic</p> 	
<p>Metal</p> 	
<p>Wood</p> 	
<p>Glass</p> 	

How many things did you find for each material?