

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term. In Dahl class, we have a busy term ahead full of lots of exciting learning experiences.

We will be continuing to explore our big question: Why have buildings changed over time? This term our learning will have a history focus. The children will be investigating a range of sources to find out about the events of The Great Fire of London. They will be listening to accounts from different historians about the key historical people and elements that could have caused the fire to spread. The children will be able to learn about how the results of the fire resulted in changes we see today.

In literacy, we will be writing a non-chronological report about building a house, linking to our Connections learning. The children will get opportunities to research this construction process and the key jobs, tools and materials that are needed to do this. They will be using key features in their report including subheadings, information, captions and developing their sentences using a range of conjunctions. The children learn phonics through Read Write Inc. RWI lessons are held daily and taught in smaller class groups. The children will be focusing on the set 2 and 3 sounds.

In maths, we will be focusing on the four operations. Children will be learning about the commutative rule for addition and will learn to recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations. Children will also be learning to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 and use related facts to 100. We will be taking part in a range of problem solving activities using our knowledge of addition and subtraction.

In Guided Reading, we will continue reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. We will be summarising significant events in the book in our own words, giving our own opinion on some of the events in the book, sharing ideas for an alternative ending and exploring some of Roald Dahl's other books; looking at similarities and differences.

Our PE topic this term is Gymnastics. The children will be exploring and developing basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using low apparatus. They will be given opportunities to select their own actions to build short sequences and develop their confidence in performing.

In Science we will be continuing our Animals including Humans topic. The children will be identifying about which part of the body is used for each sense, taking part in a scientific investigation about our senses and researching our new key scientist for the term: Lisa Buck.

In RE we will be exploring our big question: Who do Christians believe made the world? We will be retelling the story of creation, explaining what Christians do to say thank you to God for the Creation and understanding how we can show thankfulness in our lives.

#### Homework and Spellings

We will be carrying on with setting Mathletics and Reading Eggs tasks on alternate weeks.

**Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday and will be checked the following Friday.**

Our PE day is **Tuesday** and Outdoor Education day is **Wednesday**. The children will need to come in wearing their PE kit and outdoor clothing on these days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Moylan 😊