



BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework will be used to support the children's learning as follows:

Subject	Requirement
Reading	Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes every day. Your child's reading books will be changed when they have read their book at least three times.
Spelling	Children will be given a spelling sheet every Friday. They will learn the same spellings for a week in school, followed by a spelling quiz on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home. The spelling sheet is to be returned to school once completed in the Homework file.
Homework	Your child will be sent home the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. Please encourage your child to orally practice and perform this story but DO NOT get your child to write any of it. Your child will also be set online activities on Purple Mash. These activities will reinforce what they have been learning in class.



OAK OAK CLASS

PE lessons are scheduled to take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kit on those days.

Due to current guideline to keep windows open, please ensure your child has enough layers to keep them warm as it could be cold outside.

A quick reminder - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL - please ensure you do not send in any nut products.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr O'Reilly, Mrs Gaffney and Mrs James

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good Christmas. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better over the next few weeks. Sadly, this may be via a video or mini presentation instead of meeting all of you in person. However, your children have been extremely enthusiastic, polite and welcoming. They have been very well taught and I am very keen to build upon this further. Onwards and upwards!

Our topic for this term is '**Bright Lights, Big City**'. This is predominantly a geography based topic that largely focuses on London and other areas of the UK. However, we will also be learning about the Great Fire of London and how it impacted on London as it is today. We will be using 'Talk for writing' to help prepare us to write an extended story, later on in the term.

Mr O'Reilly will be teaching Monday to Friday. Mrs Gaffney will be teaching on a Friday afternoon. Mrs James is our Teaching Assistant.

Bright Lights, Big City

English

Our class books will be 'Toby and the great Fire of London' and 'Topsy and Tim visit London.'

We will be learning how to write lists, labels and captions. We will also be using 'Talk for writing' to help us become prepared for writing an extended piece of narrative, using specific time words to sequence different parts of the story.

Daily phonics and handwriting lessons will continue. The children will carry on practising reading and spelling words, including simple two-syllable words and sentences. They will also revise all the letter names and reading and spell some tricky words.

R.E.

We will be exploring what makes some places sacred and thinking about 'Why do we have sacred places?'

Computing

We will be learning about what an algorithm is and making our own algorithms in 'computing unplugged'. We will also be learning how to logon and save/retrieve our work. We will be using software to create posters around the topic of 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'.

Science

The children will be observing how the seasons change our environment.

We will be looking at how the seasons affect the lives of different animals.

PSHE

The children will explore the topic 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

This will include:

- How our feelings can keep us safe (including online safety)
- Safe and unsafe touches
 - Medicine safety
 - Sleep

History

We will learning about the great Fire of London. We will be learning to sequence the different events and how they came about. We will also be learning about the consequences of this event on London and Londoners.

PE

Dance-we will be learning about music as a stimulus to dancing. We will create a dance about the fire of London.
Lacrosse - these sessions will be with Steven.

Art and DT

We will learning about axles and wheels. We will be putting together and evaluating our own London taxis! We will be doing regular sketching, as this helps hugely with our handwriting.

Music

Our music unit is called 'In the Groove'. We will be learning six different styles of music; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.

Maths

This term we will start by focusing on finding and representing addition and subtraction facts for numbers 11 to 16.

Please see the separate sheet: Maths Knowledge Organiser.