

Stow Heath Primary School

Year 5 Summer Term 1st Half

Our Topic is - 'London – Then and Now'

In History we will be learning about 17th century London. The children will research what life was like and the key events that happened when 'The Black Death' struck London.



In Art we will be investigating light, dark and tone in pictures. We will be practising using charcoal and pencil by adding light and shade to create depth. Finally we will be researching a range of artists and recreating a landscape drawing of London in the artist's style.

In Science our topic is 'Forces'. The children will develop their knowledge and understanding of key facts about friction, gravity and air resistance.

Literacy



- Throughout the half term the children will be reading a variety of genres including poetry and classic novels.
- We will be focussing our Literacy work on the text 'The Hobbit' J.R.R Tolkien.
- They will be learning new grammar and punctuation concepts and applying their knowledge in their writing.
- Children will become confident writers by using a variety of sentence structures in order to add detail and make the writing interesting.
- Children will also continue to use and improve their skills in reading fluently and develop their comprehension skills.

Numeracy



During this half term the children will be focusing on the following topics:

- Decimals
- Properties of shape
- Position and direction
- Volume
- Recap on 4 operations

Children will also continue to develop their mental maths skills, through our 'Shooting Maths Stars' scheme. Each week children will be tested and move up the different star levels.

Reminders

- **PE kit:** White T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps in a bag with all items named. PE is every Tuesday.
- Children are encouraged to bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom that contains only water. As part of the **food standards** parents should not send flavoured water or squash.
- Any **monies sent into school** should be in an envelope or money bag, clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please send in homework for Friday and help your children to learn their spellings for a test every Friday.
- Reading books to be sent to school every day and home reading books will be changed every Wednesday.

Key Dates for this half term

- 13th – 17th May is Year 6 SATS week
- 24th May – School Closed to children for INSET DAY
- 27th May – 2nd June Half Term Holiday
- 3rd June – children return to school