

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for some amazing learning in Year 3 and Year 4. What a fantastic start to the term—we had Make the Classroom Disappear come in and present The Great Fire of London. We are so pleased with what the children have already learned and how excited, engaged, and respectful they were throughout the experience.

This term, our school-wide theme is 'Inventions', and we'll be exploring this through a range of subjects with curiosity and creativity.

In Literacy, we will be diving into some fantastic texts, including The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba. These stories will inspire us as we develop our writing skills across different purposes: to entertain, to persuade, and to inform. Our focus will also continue to be on improving cursive and joined handwriting, as well as refining our Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (SPaG).

In Maths, We are working on developing our understanding of multiplication and division, statistics, measurement, and fractions. There's lots to do, but we will be building on the links from our previous learning last term.

In Science, we will be exploring Sound, learning how it travels and how different animals use it in their environments. Later in the term, we will move on to Electricity, investigating circuits and the roles of insulators and conductors. These topics will allow us to carry out exciting experiments and develop our scientific thinking.

Save the Dates!

- 5th March – World Book Day/ Parent Share
- 18th March – Science Day
- PE days are Monday for Mayans and Normans. Romans PE day is Tuesday. Please come in PE kit.

Reminders

- Please bring a named water bottle and a healthy snack for morning play. Tuck is also available from the canteen.
- Long hair needs to be tied back.
- If your child is going home with someone different, please speak to the teacher at the beginning of the day.
- Please ensure all school uniform, P.E. kit, and any belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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TOPIC QUESTIONS

Art - Is colour or shape more important in pattern making?

Computing - When should you use desktop publishing?

How would you commemorate the life of a significant Stuart ?

PE - Invasion games

DT - How do toys use electricity to entertain us?

History - Did we learn anything from the events of 1666?

French - Duolingo

Music - How does music help to tell a story?

RE - If there is a God, why do bad things happen in religious stories?

Science -

Sound: How do whales hear over long distances?

Electricity: Which is the most important: an insulator or a conductor?

RSHE - Is being strong the same as being healthy?

Can you invent the perfect friend?

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INVENTIONS VOCABULARY

Art – Pattern, Digital art, Enhance, Compare, Geometric

Computing – Publishing, Text, Images, Font, Templates, Orientation, Placeholders, Software, Purpose, Audience, Animation, Frame, Illusion, Sequence, Onion Skinning, Playback, Storyboard, Audio, Consistency, Text

DT – Switches, Buzzers, Bulbs, Motors, Circuits, Series circuit, Parallel circuit, Wires, System, Electrical, Disassemble

History – historical artefacts, inform, Key dates, lessons learned, impacted, survival, technology, society, chronology, artefacts

Music – Percussion, emotion, composition

PE – Control, Accuracy, Body Position, Spatial Awareness, Dribbling, Scanning, Possession

RE – Worship, artefacts, denominations, holy

Science – Electricity – Appliances, Circuit, Series Circuit, Battery, Cell, Wire, Bulb, Buzzer, Switches, Generate, Renewable, Non-renewable, Conductor, Insulator.

Sound – Vibration, Soundwave, Volume, Amplitude, Pitch, Ear, Particles, Distance, Soundproof, Absorb, Vacuum, Eardrum

RSHE – Healthy friendships, Online/offline. Regular exercise, Healthy lifestyle, Asking for help, Inactive lifestyle risks.