



# Year 2 Newsletter.

November 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

## Religion:

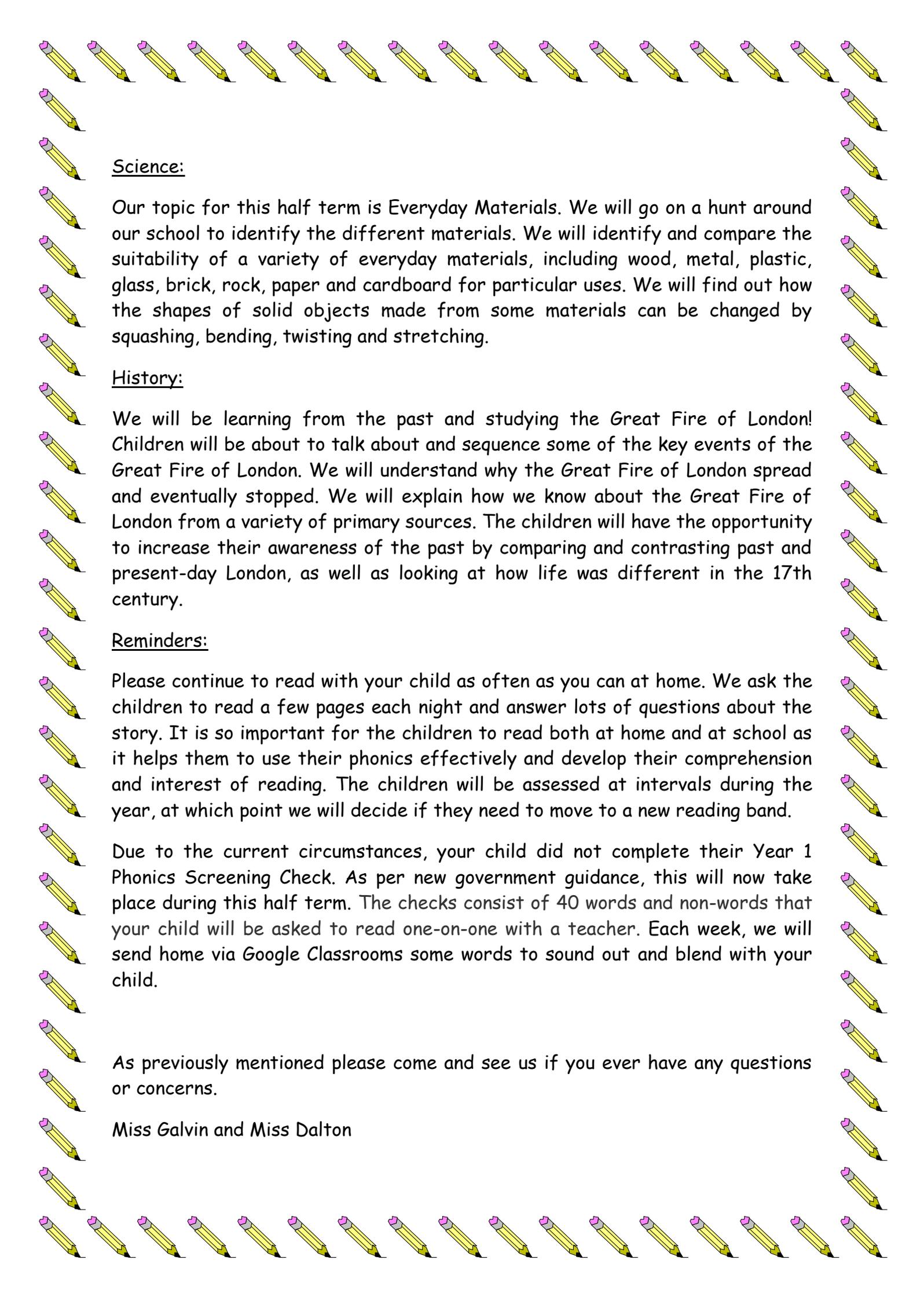
Our topic this half term is 'Advent to Christmas'. We will be looking at Luke's telling of the Annunciation and Mary's visit to Elizabeth. We will explore how Luke portrays the birth of baby Jesus and how the Church prepares for the season of Advent understanding that Advent is the beginning of the Church year. We will look at how Christmas is celebrated around the world today.

## Literacy

This half term we will be using the text "The Robot and the Bluebird" by David Lucas. We will first introduce the book and begin to ask questions about the characters. We will be exploring role-play to create debates considering the question 'Are humans and robots the same?' We will use freeze frame and thought tracking to develop a perception of characters emotions. We will use the text to investigate adverbs, verbs and expanded noun phrases. This will support our writing in an information text about Bluebirds. We will also begin to consider how speech is used and begin to use inverted commas in our writing.

## Numeracy

We will continue to recall number bonds to 100 using a range of representations such as a tens and ones grid, part-part whole and the bar model. We will use a place value chart to introduce the concept of adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers from each other. This will include crossing tens e.g.  $24 + 8$ .  $32 - 17$ . We will begin to read one and two step word problems. Please continue to practice skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as this will support our learning in the new year.



### Science:

Our topic for this half term is Everyday Materials. We will go on a hunt around our school to identify the different materials. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

### History:

We will be learning from the past and studying the Great Fire of London! Children will be about to talk about and sequence some of the key events of the Great Fire of London. We will understand why the Great Fire of London spread and eventually stopped. We will explain how we know about the Great Fire of London from a variety of primary sources. The children will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of the past by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th century.

### Reminders:

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. The children will be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band.

Due to the current circumstances, your child did not complete their Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. As per new government guidance, this will now take place during this half term. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Each week, we will send home via Google Classrooms some words to sound out and blend with your child.

As previously mentioned please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Galvin and Miss Dalton