

Riverside Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter for Families: February 2026

## Year 1

This half term our theme is:

### The Great fire of London



Welcome Year 1 to the second half of the Spring Term and to our half-termly curriculum update newsletter! We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

#### What are we learning during this theme?

This half term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning facts about the event through our History sessions and writing stories inspired by events during the fire. We will also be creating art work linked to our theme using printing techniques.



#### Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we have planned a special visit from some local firefighters to help us find out about firefighting today and make comparisons to long ago. We will also be taking part in an online workshop based on The Great Fire of London at the end of our unit of work. We will finish half term with a special London themed day to consolidate our learning and have fun!

#### How can you support your child at home?

Please complete your CGP phonics and maths homework books (alternate weeks). Share your child's reading book at home - we encourage 5 reads per week to earn team points in school.

The children will continue to bring home weekly spellings to learn and will complete a 'spelling quiz' each Monday in school.  
In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

### Days out and things to do:

Visit our local library and borrow some books about Toys.



Revise previously learned phonics using phonics play:  
[Phonics Play](#)



Plan a pretend, or even a real trip to London! Which landmarks will you see?



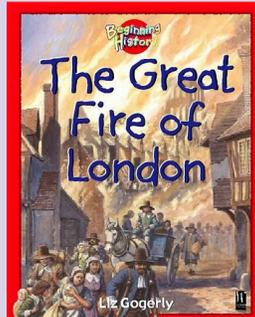
Imagine you were Samuel Pepys - write a message / letter / diary entry to a friend. Tell them what you can see / hear / feel / smell.



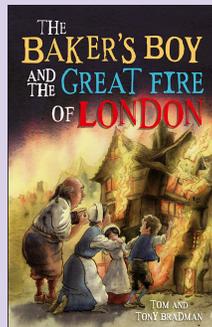
### Books to read:

Why not pop to the local library to loan out some books that link to our theme?

The Great Fire of London  
(Beginning History)



The Baker's Boy and The Great Fire of London



### Things to watch:

[Alphablocks](#)



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/search?q=number+blocks>



[The Great Fire of London - BBC Bitesize](#)

BBC Bitesize - The Great fire of London



Cbeebies My Story  
Great Fire of London  
[CBeebies My Story - The Great Fire of London](#)

BBC Watch Magic Grandad - Samuel Pepys - Great Fire of London  
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Bake some bread or bread rolls.



Make your own fire engine using junk modelling.



Visit a local fire station and ask questions to find out about firefighting today.

Melt marshmallows over a bonfire with an adult.