



# St Faith's C.E. Primary School

**Class: Venus Y1 Teaching team:** Miss Berry, Mrs Matcham, Miss Renno

**LSA's:** Mrs Brannigan, Mrs Moretti and Mrs Yeomans

**Curriculum News — Spring 2016**

**Topics:** *Colour and Elmer, Fire Safety and The Great Fire of London*

## English

The children will be using the story of Elmer as the basis for their own story writing. During the term they will also be writing recounts, information texts and letters. Each week the children will have a grammar lesson which will focus on basic punctuation and sentence structure. In addition there will be daily phonic lessons to promote decoding and spelling. Reading will be taught through guided reading sessions where the children practise a specific aspect of reading and comprehension.

**Science** The children will be considering the following about forces: things can move in different ways; pushing and pulling can make things move or stop; pushing and pulling can change the shape of things; bigger pushes and pulls have bigger effects; Larger masses take bigger pushes and pulls to move or stop them. They will also be learning about seasonal changes in Spring.

## Suggestions to support learning at home:

Please read to and with your child on a regular basis and note in their diary. Do remember to keep practising spellings as most children will take a while before words are committed to their long-term memory. A little and often is the approach that works best! Check book bags for weekly maths home learning. As with the reading and spelling, short, daily sessions are most effective.

## Messages:

Please note in order to improve continuity, Mrs Matcham will now be teaching the Year 1 phonics and Miss Croker the Year 2. Please provide your child with a water-proof coat every day!

## Maths

The children will be taught skills in:

- Counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Place value
- Calculation methods involving all 4 operations
- Shape, position and pattern work
- Measurement using standard measures, money and time
- Fractions
- Data handling
- Mental skills and recall of doubles, halves, bonds to 10 and 20 and some multiplication tables for Year 2

## Topic and Foundation subjects

**Colour and Elmer:** The children will explore colour and pattern through story and art. They will experiment with colour mixing and consider the aesthetic qualities of colour. We will look at the work of Kandinsky and create our own patterns based on his work.

### Fire Safety and the Great Fire of London:

The children will learn about fire safety and the role of modern fire fighters. They will then focus on the Great Fire of London and compare fire-fighting today with methods used in the past.

**Music:** We will continue learning about rhythm and pulse using a range of classroom instruments and songs. We will be deepening understanding of aural discrimination.

**PE:** In games the children will be learning to throw and catch using a range of apparatus. They will experience the concept of aiming games and change rules to make a game harder. In gymnastics they will be doing activities to the theme of bouncing, jumping and landing.

**Computing:** The children will continue to develop to their skills in coding and using laptops.

**RE:** This term the children will be learning about Jesus as a man, special books with a focus on the Bible and then in the final weeks of term, Easter.

**PSHE:** During circle time we will use Elmer to discuss the theme of uniqueness. We will also consider how to care for the environment in which we live.