



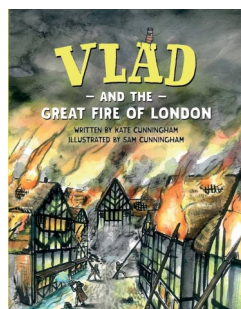
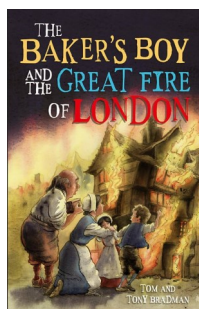
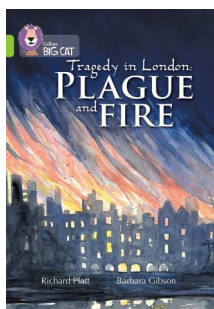
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## 29th September 2023

We are now half way through our first half term of the year and the weeks seem to be going very quickly at the moment. The children have completed some lovely work on 'In Our Hands' which was our beginning of the year text for English. They have thought about how we can 'bring colour to the world', through working together, being caring, not ignoring problems and helping each other.

Our new books for English this half term are Plague and Fire – non-fiction - by Richard Platt and The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London – fictional recount/retelling - by Tom Bradman for class 2 and class 1 are working with ' Vlad and the Great Fire of London' Cunningham. The children are also learning about Samuel Pepys' diary in Commando Joe's.



Last week, too late for the newsletter, the children visited Pippa's garden to have their forest school afternoon learning about what she grows and how she grows things. They were very interested in her polytunnels and also that she uses the '3 sisters' growing technique we learned about when we studied the Maya. They also found out more about companion planting. As part of the afternoon, the children were learning about the use of plants, particularly medicinal, culinary and crafting uses. They had time to also do some weaving with willow and try out Pippa's labyrinth. They were able to collect some apples from the orchard and Olive made them apple crumble back at school.



## Read Write Inc - parents meeting - Friday next week

If you would like to find out more about our phonics programme (Read Write Inc) that we use in school, then Mrs Stiansen is having a parents meeting at **2.30pm on Friday 6th October** for half an hour. You are very welcome to come along to this - please just come to the front door of the school.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## Autumn Walk

Next Tuesday, Nursery and class 1 children will be going for walk around the village to look for items such as conkers and leaves that are linked to



## NHS Advice

**NHS**

New advice has been issued by the NHS regarding when to keep your child at home if they are unwell. Please use the link below to access this guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## Christmas Fair

If you'd like to come and help out at the Christmas Fair, please let Miss Hay know or email the school office.

We are now collecting raffle prizes and children's tombola donations. Please can any donations be dropped off at school. We are very grateful for you all your support.



**Friday 6th October** - Read Write Inc parents meeting 2.30pm at Lowick school - see paragraph above.

**Tuesday 10th October** - Oral education visit from Brucegate Dental team to talk to the children about the importance of good dental hygiene.

**Thursday 12th October** - **Berwick Literary festival** performance for KS1 (years 1 & 2) children in the morning. They will be going to see 'The Museum of Marvellous Things' - involving storytelling, puppeteering and music. The children will be back in school in time for lunch.

**Monday 16th October** - we will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival** at St Mary's church on Holy Island at 10.30am - **everyone is very welcome** to join us! As usual, **we welcome donations for the foodbank** at this time of year - processed food (tins and dry food) and child and adult hygiene products are what the foodbanks are recommending.

**Monday 23rd October** - Kirtida from the Hindu Centre in Newcastle will be visiting us to share Hindu stories, music and culture with the children.

Half term - one week holiday Week beginning Monday 30th October.

**Thursday 9th November** - main school trip to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle for workshops on the Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead.

**Friday 10th November** - Remembrance worship - we usually do this at the war memorial in the village. More information will be available nearer the time.

**Monday 20th November** - STEM Day (Science, technology, engineering and maths). We are looking forward to our STEM day this term. We have invited 'Professor Brainstorm' to come to Lowick and deliver two of his exciting workshops - the 'Magical Science Show' and the 'Mission to Mars' workshops. It should be educational, fun and inspiring.

**Friday 24th November** - our Winter Fair after school 3.30pm - 5pm at Lowick school - come and get your Christmas shopping sorted!

Dates for  
the Diary: