



The Federation of St Giles' and St. Andrew's C of E
Primary Schools
Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year. Here is an outline of what we shall be learning about in Otter Class this term.

English As this term has a history focus we will begin by learning about The Great Fire of London followed by Florence Nightingale. During the first half term writing will focus on poetry, descriptive recounts of the events of The Great Fire, diary entries and newspaper reports from 1666. We will write letters on improving ideas to rebuild London after the fire. When learning about the life of Florence Nightingale and why she is an important person in British history we shall be writing explanation and information texts.

Topic title

**Ancient
Times**

Maths We shall continue to develop our skills using the four basic operations of arithmetic. We shall be deepening our learning about the place value and the number system to solve problems. Learning our 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables and the related division facts will also help us solve practical maths problems. We shall be continuing to learn more about time, measures and money in more practical ways.

PSHE During our PSHE lessons we will be looking at how we can take care of other people and the environment. Our daily assemblies include PSHE themes.

Science Our Science focus for this term is 'Materials'. We shall compare building materials of 17th century with those of 21st century. We will be identifying and naming natural and man-made materials, their properties and suitability for use, as well as investigate which materials can be changed.

Music In our Music lesson we shall be learning about pitch and rhythm through new songs. We shall also begin to learn how to play the recorder. We shall continue to play percussion instruments in our Thursday morning assemblies.

History We shall be learning about The Great Fire of London from 1666 and the life of Florence Nightingale 1820-1910. We will look at how life, buildings and jobs have changed as a result of the Great Fire and of an important lady in history.

Art In our Art lessons we will be continuing to experiment with a range of medium from paints to pastels. We will blend colours to replicate The Great Fire of London and use more subdued colours during our work on Florence Nightingale. We shall develop sketching and shading using pencils.

Geography During our topic work we shall continue to develop our knowledge the capital city of London and it's changes over time.

DT We shall study houses from the 17th Century and recreate one. As the Fire of London broke out in a Bakers shop we shall be making and designing bread rolls.

RE This term we will be focusing on Special Ways of Living with a focus on Islam and Special Words and Stories with an additional focus on Judaism. We have whole school assemblies and visitors from the church.

Computing The focus at the beginning of this term will be e-safety, staying safe using the internet. This will lead onto researching the Great Fire and the life of Florence Nightingale.

PE During the Spring term we shall be developing our skills for multi-skill games. The focus of these will be hockey/ball games.

MFL We shall be learning simple greetings in French.