

Interesting topic things to do at home

Go for a walk around Cholsey and look at the key buildings and landmarks in the village. Draw your child's attention to the names of roads and their route to and from school.

Can they make a map/floorplan of your home?

In DT we will be making 3D models so any cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc that you are putting in the recycling please send in. Thank you

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Home Learning is not compulsory; however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a [Home Learning](#) section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning. If there is anything else, specific to your child, that we would like you to work on at home, we will contact you individually.

Please could you read with your child as often as possible to supplement the many different ways in which we develop their reading in school. We will be assigning your child a book through Bug Club (which we will make sure you all have a login for) and physically sending a book home. The children are also assigned games on bug club to support their phonic knowledge. Please continue to read any suitable materials at home and contact us if you have difficulties sourcing things for them to read.

You could use the website [Teach Your Monster to Read](#) at home (free to join).

[Phonics Play](#) is also a great resource to support with phonics:



There are lots of resources on our Home Learning Page to help your child with their spelling and we would be grateful if you could work through the various spelling fish. They should be able to read the word before they can spell it.

Thanks for your support.



Lasting Landmarks

Key Stage 1 Team – Year 2



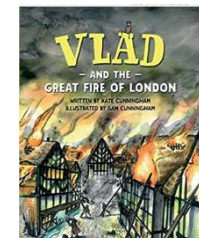
TOPIC OVERVIEW

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Our Whole School Topic this term is **Lasting Landmarks**. In Year 2 we will be learning about maps and looking at local landmarks in Cholsey.

We will also be learning about The Great Fire of London and looking at how that caused an important landmark to change.

We will start by reading the book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' and will move on to reading non-fiction books about the Great fire developing our own understanding of how to write to inform.



Best Wishes Year 2 Team.

THIS TERM, YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

English	Writing to inform- Vlad and the Great Fire of London and we will be reading other non-fiction books about the Great Fire of London.
Maths	We will focus on multiplication for a number of weeks and then after half term we will move onto division. In maths mastery we will continue to focus on composition of number and number facts.
Science	We will be learning about animals, including humans and will be learning about lifecycles and in March we have Science Week to look forward to.
Art	Art will be after February half term and we will be learning about printing techniques.
History	We will be learning about The Great Fire of London.
PE	On Tuesdays/Thursdays we will be developing our ability to do ball skills with our feet. After half term we will be using our hands. On Fridays we will be doing dance in the hall.
Music	We will be having recorder lessons with Miss Atkins Our theme for our music lessons is exploring our feelings through music and how music can make the world a better place.
Computing	Before half term we will be learning about spreadsheets after half term we will be learning about questioning focusing on pictograms, binary trees and data bases.
RSHE	We will be learning about feeling safe/unsafe/uncomfortable and what to do in these situations. We will learn about the word pressure and how to cope with it and respecting ourselves and others.
DT	We will be investigating buildings and how to make 3D structures. Our outcome will be to make a building.
Geography	We will be learning about maps and ariel views. We will focus on landmarks and physical and human features.
RE	RE will be after February half term and our focus will be: how and why are celebrations important in religion? We will introduce Islam to the children and learn about Ramadan and Eid.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please could you ensure that children come to school dressed for PE on a **Tuesday and a Friday for Skylarks**. **Golden Eagles will be doing PE on Thursdays and Fridays until February half term.**

PE kits should include:

A plain white top / house coloured top

Plain black or navy joggers / shorts

A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from ‘Make It Mine’, our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).

Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)

Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Equipment:

All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

Snacks:

The children are provided with a healthy snack daily although they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. (Fruit/vegetables/cheese)

Reading books:

Please ensure your child returns their reading book on a **Friday** as that is when they will be allocated a new one. We will not allocate a new book until the one they had is returned. We will also allocate books linked to their phonics stage electronically on bug club each Friday. If you are unsure how to log on please speak to a member of staff.

Mornings:

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between **8:40-8.50 am** with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day. Children are welcome to enter the classroom as soon as the door is opened. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle away independently and head to their allocated table, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with.

End of the Day (3:20):

At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time.

Key Dates for the Spring term:

- Tuesdays (Skylarks) Thursdays (Golden Eagles) and Fridays – come dressed in PE kit
- Thursdays recorders
- Tuesdays (pm) Forest school- Second group from Golden Eagles.
- Friday 21st April, 14:15- Celebration of learning- parents are invited into school to see all the wonderful learning the children have been doing on ‘Lasting Landmarks.’