



Summer Newsletter



April 2026

Welcome back to the final term of Year 2!

This summer term we have two themes.

Summer 1

Fire Fire!!

Why did the Great Fire of London cause so much damage and what happened as a result?

What a Wonderful World!

Do all things grow in the same way?

Summer 2



The Great Fire of London

This half term, we will be learning about the events of the Great Fire of London and the damage it caused. We will then consider the impact of the fire and what happened as a result. We will also learn about what London was like at the time, using historical sources such as pictures, paintings, and evidence from the diary of Samuel Pepys.

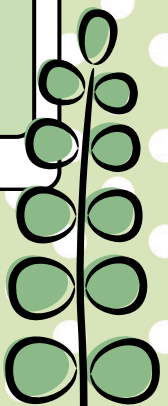
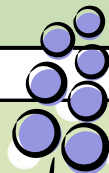
In Design and Technology, we have a project this half term where we will build a fire engine with working axles and wheels. Please save any shoeboxes and yoghurt pots that you have at home.

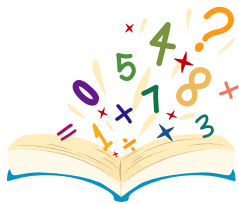


What a wonderful world!

Our learning focus is Science, where we will build on our knowledge from Year 1 by exploring how plants grow. We will investigate habitats and animal life cycles, and answer questions about the growth of plants and seeds.

In Geography, we will revisit the river on Oakgrove Road, studying how it has changed since Autumn. We will then create a junk model map of Bishopstoke, with a focus on the river Itchen.





Maths

Summer 1 and 2 –
Measurement with geometry,
addition and subtraction,
multiplication and division,
number and place value,
fractions and time.

English text drivers



Science

Continuation of Longitudinal
study in the school grounds at
different points in the year
Summer 1 – Comparing habitats
of animals in our local area.
Summer 2 – What do plants
need to survive?



Music



Summer 1 – Dynamics (loud
and quiet)
Summer 2 – Composition
(creating our own tunes)

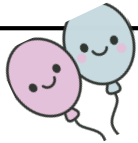
History



Summer 1 – The Great Fire
of London – Why did the
Great Fire of London cause
of much damage and what
happened as a result?

Geography

Summer 2 – Local area study of
Bishopstoke
Recap seas and continents
Recap map reading skills



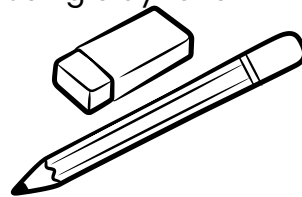
PSHE

Summer 1 – My Happy Mind:
Engage
Using the knowledge and
skills we have acquired to
help engage in the world
through goal setting

Summer 2 – Transition,
change and moving on

Art

Summer 2 – Sketching,
observational drawings
and using clay to form tiles



RE

Summer 1 – Celebrating: The
Hindu festival of love, Holi
Summer 2 – Community: To
recognise how community is
represented within the Hindu
tradition of dāna.



Philosophy for Children



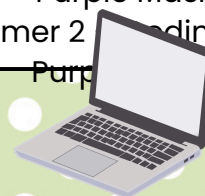
PE

Summer 1 – Ball skills and
team games (football
hockey, tennis)
Summer 2 – Travelling in
different ways and
athletics



Computing

Summer 1 – Presentations using
Purple Mash
Summer 2 – Coding using
Purple Mash



Fire, Fire theme celebration

We would like to invite you into school so that we can share all of our Great Fire of London learning. You will get the opportunity to test out the fire vehicles which we have built, play a quiz on Purple Mash that we have created, hear us sing and much much more!

Squirrels – Monday 18th May at 2.45

Badgers – Wednesday 20th May at 2.45

Woodpeckers – Thursday 21st May at 2.45



Moving on to Junior School



By now, you should have found out which Junior School your child will be attending in September. If your child is not attending Stoke Park Junior School, please let their current teacher know as soon as possible, so that we can begin liaising with the other school.

For those moving up to Stoke Park Junior School, we have a number of exciting transition events planned. These include:

- A tour of the school
- An information evening at the Junior School for parents
- A Year 2/3 afternoon, where we will carry out fun activities together
- A morning spent in the new Year 3 classes
- Visits from the Year 3 teachers, who will join us in our current classes to get to know the children
- Ongoing conversations between our staff and the Year 3 teachers

We want to reassure you that we pride ourselves on having positive relationships with our students, and we know the Year 2s are always excited about starting their journey at the Junior School.

End of year celebration

We would like to invite you to an end of year celebration BBQ picnic and songs on **Wednesday 22nd July at 11.45**

We look forward to seeing you there.

