

September 2019



Dear parents/carers,

Year 2 – History Off the Page – The Great Fire of London

During next term our topic in history will be The Great Fire of London. To support the learning, we have arranged for a History Off the Page day, **here at River Bank**.

It will take place on **Wednesday 27th November**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£8** per child to help towards the cost. Without your support, we may not be able to work with external educators, which provide a varied and fun opportunity for our children to learn.

The children start the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era: leather working, metal working, sewing, etc. As the children learn their trades, the fire spreads. With the flames drawing closer, the children must take action to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings. Will their efforts be enough?

In the afternoon, the children excavate what is left of the charred city, looking for personal belongings and important legal documents that can help the city start the process of rebuilding.

We would like children to wear **costumes** for the day. Costumes need not be complicated — we suggest the following “homemade” alternatives:

- **Boys:** A large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord around the waist; a plain waistcoat, if you have one; and plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as track suit bottoms) tucked into long socks.
- **Girls:** A plain shirt with a large collar; a long, preferably plain skirt; a man’s plain waistcoat, if you have one; a plain white apron; flat, sturdy shoes; and a plain white head scarf.

We need **9 parent volunteers** to help on the day, if you are willing to help, please indicate on the slip below. We will contact you once we have had reply slips in.

Please return the slip by **Wednesday 2nd October**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Ball

Year 2 Lead

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Child’s name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in being a parent helper for the day: YES/NO Name: _____

I enclose £8 / have paid online (please delete as necessary)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

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