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Year 2 'Did Guy Fawkes start the Great Fire of London?' Visitor & Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our Year 2 big question is 'Did Guy Fawkes start the Great Fire of London?' We will spend the term exploring how the great fire started and how London was rebuilt. It is our important mission to find out who started the fire and who Guy Fawkes really is!

On **Thursday 19th October 2023** we have the exciting opportunity to take our learning outside and attend a fantastic workshop where we can bring History to life. We will begin by investigating the wattle and daub method used to build houses in 1666. The children will work collaboratively to build their own wattle walls using sticks and then finish them off by hand with their own sticky daub mixture! Once our structures are built, we will reflect on the weather prior to The Great Fire of London and discuss how this, combined with the materials, will have impacted the strength of the flames! Next, we will bring in some fun and movement with some Great Fire of London games. Finally, we will take a closer look at Thomas Farriner, his bakery and that fateful night when he failed to put out the flames of his oven. We then take pity on Thomas Farriner and agree to build him a new model bakery! For this part of the workshop we will be able to call on our previous learning from our Science topic on Materials to help investigate which will provide a strong and waterproof option for the new bakery.

To further enhance our learning and outcomes for this topic, we are excited to announce that Guy Fawkes himself will be time travelling from the 1600s to the present day to our school to tell us all about his plans. Our special visitor will spend the whole day with us on **Friday 10th November**. He will begin by telling us his plans for the Houses of Parliament and then the children will be a part of practical activities to be drawn deeper into the story. The day will not just have a History focus, it will incorporate English as we invent our own secret codes and encompass Art objectives as we create posters to illustrate the event and Geography as we look at maps of London.

In order for these exciting events to take place, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14 per child in total, for **BOTH** activities. Please use the Parent Pay system to consent to your child taking part and make your contributions by **Monday 9th October 2023**.

Yours faithfully,

Miss M Dyson and Miss C Sloper