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### Willows, Oaks and Junipers

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a lovely Easter break! This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering when we return to school.

<b>Key Question:</b> How did the Great Fire change London? <b>Great Work:</b> We will be making some traditional Tudor style houses and putting them into rows and setting them alight.	
<b>History</b>	The Great Fire of London: the cause and effects of the fire and how London was re-built. We will also find out about significant people who were involved.
<b>Science</b>	We will witness first-hand the life cycle of a chicken, as we will be looking after eggs in an incubator for two weeks. We will also have our own caterpillars and watch them grow into butterflies. We will also look at various other cycles.
<b>Maths</b>	In maths we will continue to work on all four operations, securing the children's ability to swap between operations quickly and efficiently. We will also cover other areas of number including fractions and sequences of numbers. Towards the end of the half term we will be revising money and other areas we feel the pupils need further consolidating.
<b>English</b>	In English we will be studying poetry, recounts and diary entries, which will all be taught through our topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We will also be writing explanation texts to tie in with our science topic, life cycles.
<b>PE</b>	<b>Dance:</b> Great Fire Dance <b>Games:</b> Group games and inventing rules
<b>RE</b>	The children will be learning about Prayer in greater depth. We will be looking at different types of prayer and why people pray. We will also look at the Lord's Prayer and its meaning.
<b>PSHCE</b>	Health and Wellbeing: Growing and Changing
<b>Computing</b>	Our topic in Computing is "We are time travellers" and it will be related to our history topic, The Great Fire of London. The children will be creating an stop motion animation to recreate the key events.
<b>DT</b>	The children will be creating Tudor houses to for this half term's 'great work'. We will also be using basic sewing skills to create a 3D padded butterfly to link to our lifecycles topic in science.
<b>Music</b>	Next half term, the children will spend time consolidating the learning that has occurred during the year so far. They will revise their favourite units for a class performance as well as revising the history and language of music.
<b>Trips/Special Events</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – First day back May – Key Stage One SATs – see PowerPoint from meeting for exact dates 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Celebration of life service (St Mary's Church) 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Last day of half term Trips TBC

Reading at home should continue to be a focus. Children will continue to receive weekly spellings and have homework on a Friday. The homework book will need to be returned for the following Wednesday, ready to ensure it can be marked.

#### PE Days for Summer 1:

Oaks – Wednesday and Thursday, Willows – Thursday and Friday, Junipers – Monday and Wednesday

Yours sincerely,

**Ben Egan (Oaks), Samantha O'Sullivan (Willows), Paul Manuel (Junipers)**