

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know our topic is themed around The Great Fire of London. For this week's homework we would like the children to make houses from the time of 1666 out of cardboard so that they develop their understanding of the types of houses that were in the fire.



To help the children's understanding of how the fire spread quickly, we will be looking to set up a demonstration of this at school. Many other schools do this demonstration and it is highly memorable. In order for the demonstration to be safe we need the houses to be no bigger than a shoe box. Any houses that are too big will not be able to be burned for safety reasons.

The demonstration will include us standing the houses closely together so the children can see how the fire spread quickly to each house. The children would be at a safe distance to watch the fire and we would also invite you in to see this unfold. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is something we are able to do and when we will be able to do it.

Please see the examples below to give you some ideas for the house that you could make.



This will be a two-week homework project. However, if you wish to, we have listed some additional activities that you may complete at home. Children who complete these tasks will receive a star point for their efforts.

- Reading daily with your children and asking them questions about what they have read, as well as what they think might happen on the next page/ part of the story.
- Practise their number and letter formation.
- Practise reading and spelling the high frequency words that are in your reading diaries.
- Practise mental recall of number bonds to 10.

We hope you enjoy making these houses and we look forward to seeing them. If you have any questions about this homework, please speak to your class teacher.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team