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FIRE AND ICE – KS1 Autumn 2026



We are delighted to inform you that on **Tuesday 13th October** the Rainbow Theatre Company are visiting school to work with Key Stage One to support our topic "Fire and Ice". Throughout the morning children will have the opportunity to take part in a re-enactment of the Great Fire of London, bringing this significant historical event in 1666 to life for them.

Children will join Samuel Pepys in experiencing the Great Fire of London in this exciting Rainbow Theatre workshop. How and where did the fire start? What were the events? How did it spread – and how did people react? How did they try and stop the fire? Why did it take so long to put it out? What were the results of the fire? What was it like to actually be there in C17th London? Historical costumes, wigs, sound, pictures and realistic artefacts will all bring this workshop to life.



We have worked with the Rainbow Theatre Company for many years and this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to participate in live theatre in familiar surroundings. We always find that the children benefit greatly from this type of experience.

We are also having a visit from, amongst others, our local fire fighters who will be bringing in a fire truck as well as a visit from Mr Miles Cunliffe to wow us with his ice magic in the second half of the Autumn term.

To cover the cost of this performance, our other visitor, and topic resources we would ask you for a voluntary contribution of **£9.00 per child payable via MCAS**. MCAS will be set up in the next few days for payments to be made. Visitors such as Rainbow Theatre and Mr Cunliffe really enhance the curriculum for the children and bring the topic to life, so we would love for all the children to be able to participate. If you have any difficulty with making a contribution, please see your child's teacher or Mr Andrews in confidence to discuss this. Sadly, if we do not receive enough contributions towards this, we may have to consider cancelling some or all of the planned events.

Thank you for your continued support – we can't run these events without it!

Kind regards

Mrs Gilpin, Mrs Duguid, Mrs Goddard and Miss Payne.

