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Home Learning Project for Autumn 1: Design and create a 17th Century House

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each half term the children will complete a home learning project that encompasses many aspects of our varied curriculum through the chosen topic for that half term. This half term the topic is 'Fire, Fire!' and through this the children will explore the history of the Great Fire of London and 17th century England. The home learning project will support the learning that happens during school time and allow it to continue at home.

The project for this half term is to design a model 17th century house. The children must decide what each section of their house will be made from, and then use a range of materials to make a model house.

The following must be included in the project:

- Research what 17th century houses looked like
- Design and draw an annotated plan for a model house
- Create a 3D model (from any materials they choose)
- Write a diary entry in the style of Samuel Pepys, showing your reaction to the fire

These are the basics that must be included in the project, however, it is not limited to this and I would actively encourage the children to be creative in adding to the brief, for example, they may choose to create some bread in the style of the 17th century. Attached is a brief example project to give you an idea of the sort of content your child may choose to include in their project. Throughout the half term the children will be learning about different things that will support them in completing their project. Please encourage them to use their learning in the classroom to inform their home learning project.

The finished project will need to be handed in to me **by the 12th October**. I am looking forward to seeing some amazing houses!

We would also like to invite you in on the **Monday, 15th October at 3:00pm** to join in the celebrations of the children's projects and to give them a chance to share their hard work and efforts.

Thank you for your continued support with this, and if you have any further questions about the project, please do come and speak to me.

Yours faithfully,
Mr N. Ladyman
Oak Class Teacher

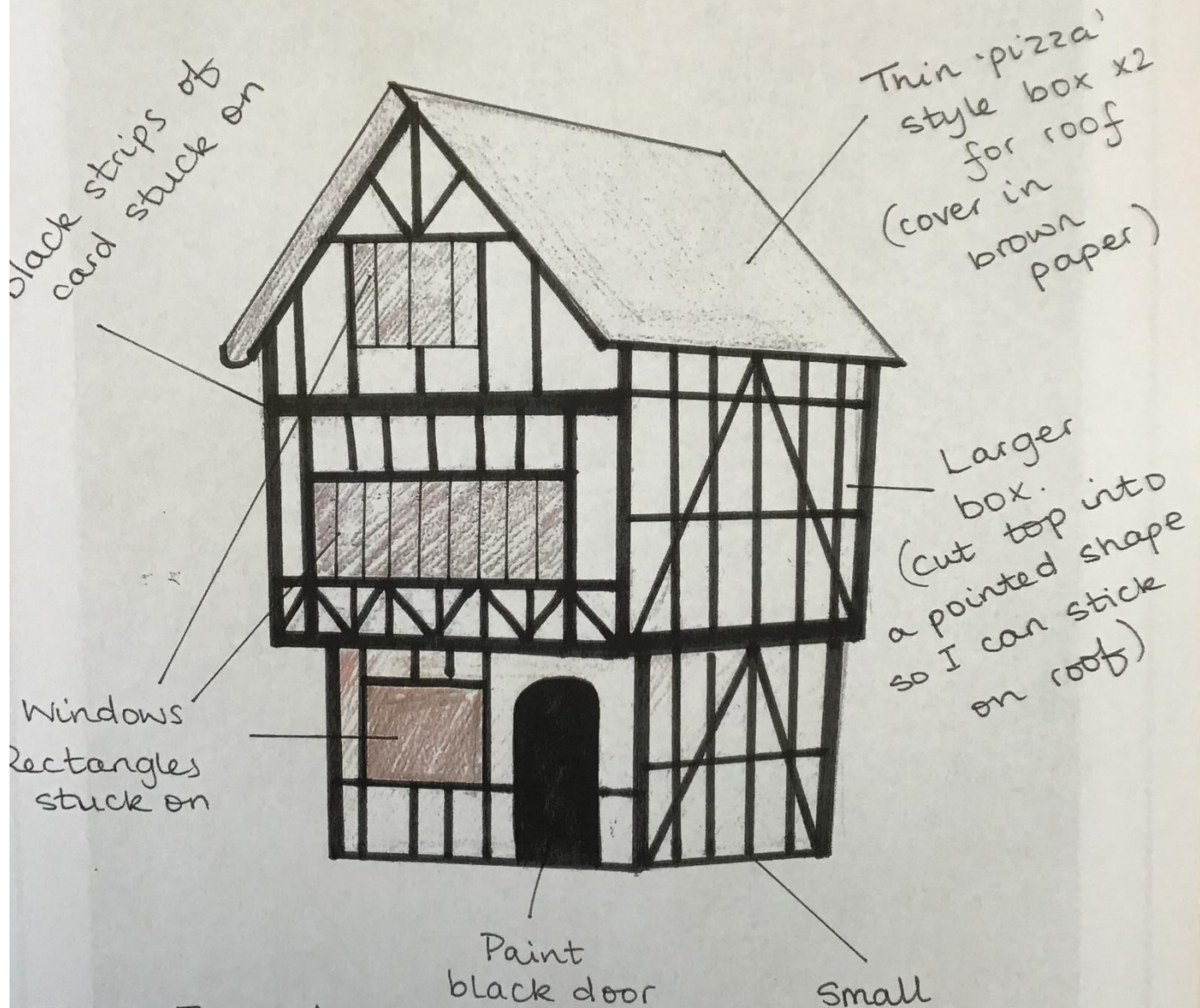
Research what 17th century houses looked like:

17th century houses are called are referred to as Tudor houses, because of period of time in which they were built. Some Tudor houses still exist, which gives us an insight as to what they were like. Most were built of wood and clay, and were squashed very close together.

The streets of London in 1666 were very narrow, and very busy. The upper floors of these buildings often leant over the bottom. Some of the buildings leant over so far you could lean out of the window and shake hands with the person from the house across the road!



My 17th century model house design:



Things I need:

- Large box
- Small box
- x2 Pizza boxes
- Paint (light brown, black)
- Strips of black paper/card
- Glue, sellotape etc.

Covered in orange/brown paper. Cut black strips of paper/card for stripes.

Create a 3D model (from any materials they choose):



Write a diary entry in the style of Samuel Pepys, showing your reaction to the fire:

Sunday 2nd September 1666

Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me early this morning to tell me there was a big fire burning in the city. It was far away so I went back to sleep. When I got up this morning, it had spread and I saw the fire out of my window. Jane explained the fire began in the bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. She was very worried, which is making me nervous. With the fire spreading as fast as it is, what if MY house is burned down?!

Monday 3rd September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer and closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar. Hopefully it is hidden deep enough to keep it safe from the fire.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The awful fire continues! Early this morning, I packed up all my worldly possessions and took them by horse and cart a close friend's house. I was in such a hurry I travelled in my nightgown without even getting dressed! Throughout my journey, I saw many people running for the Thames, away from the fire. I pray it doesn't get any worse. Upon my return home, I will dig a hole in my garden, and bury my wine and cheese to keep them safe.