

Year 2 Curriculum Information Autumn 2023







History and Geography

Our Topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be finding out about how and when the Great Fire of London happened by looking at sources like the diary of Samuel Pepys and maps of London in 1666.

After the holiday, we will use this knowledge to extend to London as it is now, thinking about what makes it special and what landmarks are important.



English



Linking with our Topic, the first text we will be learning from and reading this term will be 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'. This is a funny story with some serious facts about the Great Fire of London. The children will use the story to write a recount of what happens. We will also look at non-fiction texts and will create an information text about the historical event.

After half-term, we will move on to reading 'Katie in London', sharing in her London adventures.



Maths

Over this term we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Number: Place value
- Number: Addition and subtraction
- Measurement: Money
- Number: Multiplication and division

We will develop our understanding of new mathematical skills using the concrete, pictorial and abstract approach.



Science

In our topic on **Plants** we will be working scientifically to observe, identify and classify different plants. There will also be the opportunity for experiments such as finding out the best growing conditions for beans and seeds.

Whilst studying Animals
Including Humans, we will
be finding out about the
basic needs for survival
(water, food and air). We will
also describe the importance
for humans of exercise, a
healthy diet, and hygiene.

Physical Education

Multi-skills: Our sports coaches from Team Kick Start will deliver lessons outside using an integrated approach, where children learn to coordinate a wide range of fundamental movement skills in various sports activities within each lesson.

Music

- Sing songs, speak chants and rhymes.
- Experiment with sounds.
- Learn songs linked to our Topics.

Computing

- E-safety
- Programming
- Coding

<u>Art</u>

- Creating mixed media fire pictures.
- London landmarks collages.

Design and Technology

We will be thinking about our PSHE unit on Healthy Eating, designing and making healthy pizzas with a variety of chosen toppings!

Spanish

- Greetings
- Feelings
- Me gusta ... (I like...)
- Numbers 1 − 30
- Classroom items
- Months
- Birthdays
- Christmas

Religious Education



Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

- What is precious to us and Jewish people?
- What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people about?
- How and why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat?
- What does the story of Chanukah make us think about?

PSHE



- Physical health and wellbeing: What keeps me healthy?
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Friendship

How to help your child this term:

- Reading aloud with your child is important, so please encourage your child to read every day.
- Remind children to bring their reading records and reading books to school on their reading day, recording when they have read at home.
- We will send home weekly homework to do with what we have been learning in school that week.
 Please encourage your child to have a go at these activities.