



Year 1 Newsletter

The Great Fire of London (Buildings and People)

What we are learning about:

Autumn 2 2024

Our topic/ theme this half term is:

The Great Fire of London

History: In History we will be learning about significant historical events, predominantly focusing on The Great Fire of London and how London changed following this event.

Art: Our art and design drawing unit this half term directly links to our history learning about The Great Fire of London. We will focus on mark making techniques and a range of media e.g. pens, pencils, charcoal, oil pastels and chalk pastels to create a final piece. The final piece will be a detailed drawing of a home on fire, representing the devastation throughout the historical event.

Music: Our topic in Music is called 'Playing in an Orchestra'. Throughout the unit we will refer to the question 'How Does Music Teach Us About the Past?'. Singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson. Play, improvise and compose using a selection of these notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B \flat , B.

Computing: In Computing we will first learn about Online Safety and begin exploring Purple Mash. Then we will begin to think logically about scenarios. We will be introduced to the term 'algorithm' which is the concept at the core of coding.

P.E: In PE we will be developing our agility and fitness through a range of activities focusing on footwork patterns and spatial awareness.

PSHE: In PSHE we will be learning from the topics 'Family and Friends' and 'Anti-bullying'.

R.E: In R.E we will build on our learning of Christianity from last half term through the topic 'What can we learn from stories and events in Jesus' life?'. This unit enables us to explore stories and events from Jesus' life and reflect on their significance through art, music and drama.

Science: In Science we will learn about different seeds and bulbs. We will learn about what plants we can eat and begin to gather seeds. We will also look at what plants need to grow and what they need to continue to grow and stay healthy.

English

Reading: This half term we will be continuing our phonics learning using Little Wandle. We will be working on increasing our fluency when reading. We will also draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand the texts we read, identify and explain the sequence of events in texts, make inferences from the text and predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.

Writing: Our model text this half term is Vlad and the Great Fire of London. This is a journey story, about a mouse and a flea who are trying to escape the devastating fires around London. We will write about what they heard, saw, felt, and smelt along the way. We will specifically be working on our use of capital letters for the names of characters and places, in addition to the beginning of our sentences. We will also work towards securing capital letters and full stops when writing in a paragraph.

Maths: Our Mastering Number sessions have been a great success and we will continue to develop our knowledge of number this half term too. During our maths lessons, we will continue our learning of addition and subtraction, with a focus on the eight fact families. We will then move onto learning about shape. We will look at recognizing 2-D and 3-D shapes, learning about vertices, sides and sorting shapes. We will also look at creating patterns with shapes. Finally, we will end the term with some consolidation to secure our knowledge.

Key Vocabulary:

Maths: place value, tens, ones, addition, subtraction, add, take-away, less, subtract, difference, add, plus, more than, increase, total, sum, shape, vertices, sides, pattern, repeating, sorting, 2-D, 3-D, flat, curved, straight, lines

English: grapheme phoneme correspondence (GPC), grapheme, phoneme, digraph, trigraph, blend, segment, capital letters, full stop, exclamation mark, joining words, story map, fiction, non-fiction, narrative, description, adjectives.

Science: plant, seed, tree, flower, root, stem, leaf, bulb, grow, healthy, unhealthy, needs, water, light, temperature

Topic: fire, GFOL, historical event, significant, London, past, present, mark making, sketch, texture, expression, belong, welcome, safe, trusted adult, rules, discussion, login, online safety, relationships, Christianity, God, Bible, Jesus, Church, rhythm, pitch, pulse