

Curriculum overview for Y2 – Spring (1) 2023

English

We will use *The Great Fire of London* as a stimulus for our writing this half term. Our core texts are 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis. We will write about the real events, recording these simply and clearly. We will continue to focus on demarcating sentences with capital letters, full stops and question marks where appropriate. We will work on using the present and past tense correctly and consistently. We will explore the genre of diary writing through our core texts as well as some non-fiction genres like fact files.

Key Experience: Guided walk and church visit of key areas relating to the fire. Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February.

Guiding Questions:

What was life like in 1666?
How did the fire start?
Who was to blame?
How did it impact life in London?
How was life different after the fire?

Maths

This half term we begin our work on multiplication and division. We start by exploring grouping and sharing before moving onto formal multiplication and division. We will also introduce arrays – an arrangement of objects (usually dots) in columns and rows. Arrays support the concept of multiplication and division. We will begin to link all of this to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will finish the half term with money, including counting pounds and pence.

The Great Fire of London

History: See Knowledge Organiser for more details

Other information: Please bring book bags (and books and yellow reading diaries) in on Mondays for changing books. Spelling homework will be set on Seesaw every Friday with a quiz in school the following Friday. Now is a good time to start memorising the 2, 5 and 10 times table – Hit the Button is a great online, free resource to support this.

Science

Our focus this half term is animals, including humans. We will...

- Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

Geography

We will use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features, devise simple maps and use and construct basic symbols in a key. We will use Google Maps and Google Earth to explore the areas of London involved in the fire and to locate the human and physical features of the city.

Art

Our focus this half term is on painting. We will explore the different ways artists use colour and texture to make their art. We will observe the Brushwork of Van Gogh and Cezanne to help us make our own artistic choices with colour and texture.

Music

Our genre focus this term is Electronic music. We will delve into the music of Hans Zimmer to support our appreciation of this style of music.

Computing

It's Safer Internet Day on the 7th February, which links really well with our objectives of using technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private and identifying where to go for help and support when there are concerns about content or contact on the internet and on other online technologies. We will be using laptops and/or iPads to research our Great Fire of London topic further, putting all of our work on safe searches into practice.

PE We will be exploring invasion games with the Coaches this half term and Fundamental PE skills with our teacher. Our PE days remain on Wednesdays and Fridays – please make sure your child is dressed accordingly on these days.

RE We will be considering the Christianity and the Easter story this half term and highlight the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection for Christians.

PSHE The values we will focus on this half term are hope and confidence. We will also think about life cycles, dealing with loss and being supportive.