



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'London's Burning.' As Geographers, we will look at the London skyline and discuss why it is the capital city. We will carry out comparisons between the city of London and the countryside, getting to know the landmarks of the city. During our History sessions, the children will look at the Great Fire of London and the timeline of the event understanding how it started and how it was brought to an end. We will also look at the differences in the city from 1666 to now. The children will learn about Samuel Pepys and the role he played in the Great Fire. In Art, the children will design and create stain glass windows replicating those from St Pauls Cathedral. They will then work as a class to create a Great Fire scene using handprints. The children will use recycling materials to create 3D model structures thinking about how to strengthen and support them. Carrying on from their homework task, children will take part in a bread bake off competition as part of their design technology curriculum. As writers, the children will produce newspaper articles reporting on the Great Fire as well as using technology to record our own eyewitness reports. They will also look at diary entries before writing their own as a person who witnessed the fire. Our social skills lessons will link to fire safety and the role of the fire brigade.



English

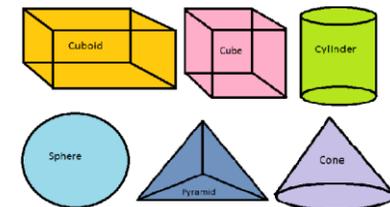
In English, the children will be exploring and writing for various purposes. To inspire their writing a range of genres will be based around their topic of the Great Fire. The children will develop their speaking and listening skills by undertaking role-play and hot seating activities, discussing the key events, which they will then use to aid their writing. The children will get into role to write newspaper reports and diary entry accounts from the day. Also, we will be writing some instructional writing around fire drills and fire safety.

- Adding suffixes onto the end of words
- Describing, using expanded noun phrases
- Using adjectives to add description
- Practising our perfect punctuation.

Mathematics

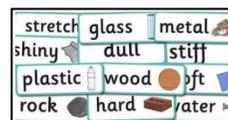
In Maths, we will be constructing pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams. We will ask and answer questions by counting the number of objects in each category. We will then focus on Shape, identifying and describing the properties of 2-D and 3-D shape.

As well as this, we will continue to answer a range of reasoning and problem solving questions. We will also continue to focus to learn our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.



Science

In Science this half term, we will be developing our scientific knowledge of different everyday materials. Through this unit, the children will be encouraged to explore the suitability of different materials including what the houses were made from in 1666. The children will look at materials that are flammable and discussing why the fire spread so quickly. We will then investigate what houses are made from today and why.



Enrichment

Various activities are planned for Forest school. Children will have the chance to take part in some baking activities.

Important Dates & Information

- PE kits are to be brought in on a Monday to use throughout the week.
- Please can you ensure your child's reading book file is in school every day.
- Please encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis.