

English

Our topic themes will provide many writing opportunities for our pupils. When learning about the Great Fire of London, they will write a fire report, a personal recount of the events and create a fact book. There will be a focus on non-fiction writing, narratives and poetry when learning about the polar regions.

The focus when writing in the autumn term will be:

- Phonics—applying the Year 1 Song of Sounds in their writing
- Correct sentence punctuation
- Use of noun phrases
- Handwriting—forming letters correctly, sitting on the line and starting to join

Art and DT

Pupils will develop their colour mixing skills to create a background for a cityscape and they will develop their collage skills. Using pastels and sketching pencils, pupils will draw Tudor houses.

In DT, pupils will design and make a snow mobile for the Nenet community, measuring and cutting wood to create the chassis. They will explore how to make structures stronger, stiffer and more stable.

RE

Pupils will learn about the Christian Creation Story, Harvest and the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We will also learn about the significance of light in various religions.

Fire and Ice

Year 2 Autumn Term 2024

During the first half of the term, pupils will become history detectives as they explore how and why the Great Fire of London started. They will understand what it was like to be there by studying eye-witness accounts.

In the second half of the term, pupils will take a journey into the icy environment of the polar regions. Pupils will use an atlas to explore our world's continents and oceans.

Computing

Children will use iPads or laptops to manipulate images and create content. They will discuss the importance of 'Think before you click' when learning about internet safety.

Music

Pupils will identify long and short sounds, using their bodies to explore how to make different sounds. Pupils will learn a variety of songs including singing *London's Burning* in a round.

PSHE and RSE

Together we will devise our class rules and discuss how we can help each other stay safe and happy at school. We will learn about believing in ourselves and how we can show respect towards others.

Maths

During this term, pupils will:

- Add and subtract two digit numbers from a multiple of ten
- Use numbers to ten to develop number bond knowledge to twenty and one hundred
- Learn to partition numbers
- Learn doubles and halves of numbers to twenty
- Learning to multiply using arrays and counting in sequences of 2, 5 and 10.

Science

In science, pupils will be learning about everyday materials. They will:

- Discuss the materials used for objects
- Describe the simple physical properties of materials
- Compare and group materials according to their properties
- Explore questions such as *What is the best material for an umbrella?*

PE

In PE pupils will develop their ball control, spatial awareness and team work skills. Pupils will apply these skills through football and hockey coaching. In gymnastics pupils will balance on different body parts and create sequences. movements.

Orienteering

Pupils will develop the skills of orienteering.