

## English

### Writing

All of our writing is focused around our key text, 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. This half term we will write a narrative, a non-chronological report and a recount. We are focusing on writing in full sentences, ensuring our letters are formed correctly and using the correct punctuation. We will continue to expand our knowledge of key grammatical terminology to include: verbs, adjectives, nouns, adverbs, expanded noun phrases, exclamation sentences, commands, questions and statements. This half term we will focus heavily on extending our sentences to ensure are writing flows well. We will use powerful adjectives, understanding when to make a better word choice and edit this independently.

## Maths

This half term we will begin by revisiting the two new strategies we learnt at the end of last half term for addition and subtraction. We will then develop this learning by exploring how to add and subtract when our ones cross ten.

We will explore fact families and use this knowledge to help us identify what the inverse is. We will then use the inverse to solve missing number problems using the bar model.

Finally, we will explore the properties of 2D shapes and begin to make comparisons between different shapes, focusing on their sides and corners.

## Creativity

### Art

This half term we will focus on developing our ability to print using ink and rollers. We will revisit how to make secondary colours and use this knowledge to create Christmas themed art.

### Music

We will focus on our pitch, tempo and volume whilst learning our new songs for our Nativity. We will also create dance moves that link to the music's tempo.

## Reading & Phonics

This half term we are starting our new spelling programme. We will be revisiting our sounds but applying them to spelling rules daily. We will also continue to develop our reading skills through a weekly whole class reading session. During this session we will explore our key text 'Toby and the Great Fire of London and supporting text, 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London; learning how to retrieve key information to answer questions. We will also continue with our reading practice sessions.

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## The Great Fire of London

### What are we learning this term?

Please remember to bring your reading folder daily so we have every opportunity to read with you and record this. You have 2 books for home reading so please record every instance of reading any of these in your reading diary and remember to read daily (even just 5 minutes)!

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### RE

This half term, we will be asking the big question, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will be digging deeper into the nativity story.

### PSHE

We will be exploring friendships, kindness and anti-bullying. We will discuss what being a good friend looks like. We will learn about different types of bullying and identify safe adults for us to talk to about our worries. We will explore how showing kindness helps everyone feel happier and can make the world a better place. We are also really looking forward to our Life Education Bus visit.

## Knowledge and Understanding

### Science

This half term we are learning about 'Materials'. During this unit, we will identify different materials and compare their suitability for different purposes. For example, what will be the best material to make a window from? We will also explore how we can change the shape of certain solids by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

### History

This half term are learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will identify the key events of the fire and place these in chronological order. We will discuss how the fire spread so quickly, focusing on the four main reasons.

After that, we will learn about how London was changed after 1666 and identify who Sir Christopher Wren was and then role he played in rebuilding London. Our topic will end with a "WOW Day" with a visit from History off the page.

## Computing

This half term, we will explore IT inside our classroom and around the world. We will look at how IT is used daily to help us with every day tasks. We will also explore online safety. We will learn what cyberbullying is and how we can keep ourselves safe when online.

## PE

In PE we are beginning a dance unit. We will be listening to music about the Great Fire of London and exploring how our body can react to the music. We will focus on making movements that help us develop our balance, agility and coordination. By the end of the unit, we will have created a sequence of movements and perform them in a routine to a piece of music. We will take feedback from our peers and use this to improve our routines.