

The Great Fire of London

Literacy

During this term our learning in literacy will involve a focus on stories with familiar settings including "Katie in London". We will link to our history learning by writing an information text about the Great Fire of London. As part of our design and technology learning we will make different types of bread, which we will then write an instruction text about. We will also use the poem 'London's Burning' to explore pattern and rhyme in poetry.

Religious Education

RE this term will offer the children the opportunity to look at key celebrations in Christianity. We will also explore what makes a good leader.

Science

We will be looking at natural and manmade light sources. We will be investigating and learning how the sun is a natural source of light and investigating what happens when the sun sets. We will also be considering how darkness is the absence of light. We will also be linking our science to our Art when we will be creating our own silhouette pictures. Alongside this, the children will design a sun safety poster in order to reinforce the importance of not looking directly into sunlight.

Physical Education

Our focus this term in PE is Dance and Gymnastics. The Great Fire of London will act as a starting point for movements in dance. Children will also have the opportunity to use the apparatus in gymnastics whilst discovering the balance and poise in order to combine dance movements. Children in Year 2 will also have a 3 week block of swimming at the Life Centre.

Art

In preparation for making our own silhouette, we will be considering how to 'recreate' movement in a drawing; linking in with our Great Fire of London theme. We will begin our learning by exploring our own bodies and how they move, then using platercine to 'capture' the positioning of the children's limbs. Following this, to link with our learning in history, we will be exploring how to transfer this knowledge in order to create our own silhouette.

Theme

This term we will be exploring the Great Fire of London. We will look at how it started, why it spread and what information we can find from Samuel Pepys' diary. Furthermore, we will be investigating how and why King Charles II developed the first fire brigade and what happened to London as a result of the Great Fire.

Maths

As well as beginning to work with bigger numbers. Children will continue to look at number patterns and relationships to help them add and subtract correctly. Year 2 children will begin to look at multiplication of single digit numbers. Learning about 3D shapes, and clockwise and anticlockwise will also happen this term.

Design and Technology

This term in DT we will be designing and making our own bread, strongly linking to our theme. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of different breads.

ICT

This term in ICT the children will not only be learning how to save and retrieve their learning, but they will also be using a programme called 2 Simple to start creating their own Great Fire of London leaflets. As their knowledge progresses, they will then be developing our text editing skills using the delete button, space bar and return button.

