History

We will be studying the mayhem that happened during the Great Fire of London - a significant historical event beyond living memory. The children will increase their awareness of the past by comparing London today to that of 1666, finding out about Samuel Pepys and his diary and looking at a range of primary and secondary sources. They will deepen their understanding of the events of the Great Fire through several speaking and listening activities, such as hot seating and role play, as well as sequencing events and designing posters.

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Curriculum Note for Parents



Autumn Term
Butterfly Class Year 2

Whole School Topic: Magic and Mayhem

Geography

The children will be will be observing the different types of weather in their immediate environment and building on what they know about the four seasons. The children will have opportunities to observe and record the weather, present their own weather forecasts and make valuable links with Science, Computing, Numeracy and Literacy from across the curriculum. They will also be learning more about maps, how to read a map key and how to plot their own maps.

Science

The children will be investigating the types and properties of different materials, their suitability and how they can be used in different ways. We will be observing how the environment and weather changes as we move into Autumn and then Winter.

RE

In RE the children will be thinking about how Jesus teaches people to be kind to others and exploring the question 'Is it possible to be kind all the time?' Later in the term they will be learning about the origins of Christmas and the thought that Jesus was given as a gift from God.

Ant

The children will be examining Paul Klee and his use of tints before using tints to create their own fire mayhem paintings. They'll also look at the natural sculptures of Andy Goldworthy, hopefully feeling inspired when making their own natural sculptures.

Computing

The children will be learning basic computer skills like logging on, loading up a browser, using a word processor and saving work before shutting off safely. Year 2 will be introduced to Powerpoint.

English (Mrs Collett & Mrs See)

In English this term we will be recapping the different word types, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We will be exploring developing our understanding of sentence punctuation, creating magical stories and animal reports. After half term we will create historical diary entries and exploring Christmas poetry.

We will also be focusing on developing our reading developing our word reading as well as comprehension of a range of different texts.

Mathematics - (Mrs Collett & Mrs See)

In Numeracy this term we will be exploring and expanding our knowledge of place value. We will look at numbers up to 100, and finding more and less than. We will then develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will us objects to help us add and subtract, before moving on to using our number fact knowledge. We will also explore position.

We will also be working through our 2, 4, 5, 10 times tables.

Design & Technology

This term the children will be learning about where the ingredients for bread come from and then learning basic food hygiene while baking bread themselves. After all, the Great Fire of London started in the bakery! They will also be looking at different lever and slider mechanisms and using their new skills to create magical moving pictures.

PSHE

The children will have many opportunities to think and reflect as they do every term. They will be thinking about what different groups they belong to, what their personal strengths are, how to name and identify their feelings, and some ways to help themselves calm down if they feel upset.

Music

This term the children will be exploring instruments and symbols before moving on to learn about timbre, tempo and dynamics while learning and performing a variety of simple songs. Towards the end of the term they will be learning a collection of nativity songs and hymns.

PE & Games

Mr Voss will be focusing on ball skill each Wednesday afternoon and Mr Treble on fundamental movements and fun games.