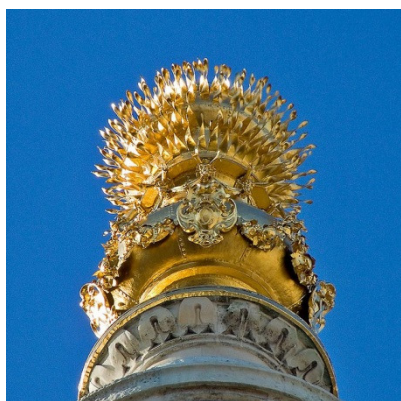




Curriculum Newsletter Year 2

The Great Fire of London.

Happy New Year!

This term we will be delivering our curriculum through the topic of The Great Fire of London 1666, starting with the History off the Page day this week. Here is an outline of some of the learning objectives the children will be covering under different curriculum subject headings.

History. This is a History based topic and the children will be researching the facts of the Fire and features of life in London in 1666. We will study the life and work of Samuel Pepys and look at the importance of eyewitness accounts and how myths and stories grow around major events and hinder our understanding of the past. We will be discussing what it means that there were only 6 *recorded* deaths for example.

Geography. This will be based in our outside ICE zone this term. The children will be refining map reading skills following a treasure trail of questions, recording the weather, and continuing their local environment work improving and caring for the school grounds. Spring has come early for our gardening to begin.

Science. Our theme is 'materials' and the children will be building structures in the sand tray, cataloguing properties of materials including flammability(!), studying London landmarks with the blocks and making waterproof boats to escape across the Thames. In this case their boat will need to successfully cross the school pond. They will be designing making and refining boats in DT and carrying out material tests in the water tray before the final challenge. The children will also be designing and making card houses in the style of 1666 London.

Art. We are having a visit from our resident artist this term, studying famous paintings of London. Outside the children will be weaving natural and man-made materials under the theme of 'warm' or 'cold' colours. Inside, the children will paint large group pictures to depict the story of the Great Fire and work individually on their colour mixing skills.

RE. This term will focus on the theme of Special Places and we will compare elements of the Christian Faith to similar features of the Sikh Faith.

Computing. The children will be recording programs they write to send a fire engine Beebot on a designated route. They will research historical information, write a blog as the modern day equivalent to Samuel Pepys' diary and learn to send emails.

Our Literacy and Numeracy will continue to build on previous skills, following the National Curriculum. The work will link with the topic when possible. We will keep you up to date on specific skills in the phase newsletters during the term and link our homework to current classroom study on a weekly basis.

PE. Our PE day is Thursday this term and the children will be dancing. We will be doing our 20 minute walk every day too. Please ensure that the children have their PE kit in school every day as we like to add in other sessions when the opportunity arises.

We hope this sounds exciting! If you wish that you could come into school with your children and take part in the work, we consider we are doing our job properly! You are always welcome to come in and volunteer as we love having parents in the school.

We look forward to a happy and productive term.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Dunn and Mrs Wallace.

