English:

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction reading and writing. We will be learning to write a newspaper article and learning to present information linked to our topic learning in a variety of interesting ways. The children will also be learning traditional poems and writing their own poem about fire. The children will continue to learn phonics. We will be working on our handwriting and presentation skills.

Questions:

What are the features of a newspaper article? Can you use a dictionary to define *ember*, *siphon*, *squirt*, *monument*, *thatch*? What is a noun phrase?

Reading

Children will be reading a range of texts, fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will discuss the features of each genre of books as well as developing inference skills.

Please ensure you read with you child every day and record the title of the book in their reading record.

Questions:

What are the features of non-fiction books? How would they have felt realising their homes were on fire?

Year 2 Term 1



This half term our topic will be based on The Great Fire of London and much of our work will be cross-curricular, linking subjects wherever possible.



Maths:

We will be reading and writing numbers to 100 and learning about place value. We will be finding numbers that are more than and less than, estimating and rounding numbers up or down. The class will also investigate number patterns including odd and even. Some of our work will be on money, looking at values and adding prices together. We will also recap on simple addition, subtraction, doubling and halving skills, and number patterns. The children will also be learning multiplication facts.

Questions:

What is an odd/even number? How do you know? How many tens/ones are in a number?

Science:

We will be learning all about classifying and changing materials, including reversible and irreversible changes. We will develop our investigative skills in order to test how materials can be changed, and recording our observations.

Questions:

What is a reversable/irreversible change? What does flammable mean?

What are the properties of wood, metal, fabric?

Design Technology:

In our lessons we will be investigating a range of vehicles, then designing and constructing our own emergency vehicles. We will also be making a range of houses in keeping with that time and exploring how quickly the fire would have spread.

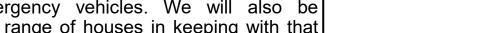
PE:

We have two PF sessions a week. We will be doing striking and field on Tuesdays and invasion games on Friday. We will be doing PE outside as much as possible so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at all times. They will only need trainers this term.

Computing:

Our focus will be on using ICT for research purposes and we will also recap on and develop our understanding of e-safety.

RE: In our RE learning we will be finding out about the different festivals that are celebrated within our school including Harvest. We will also be learning about symbols that are important in our lives and in different religions.



this topic children will be learning about new rules and routines in school, discussing relationships and making new friends. The children will also be learning about fire safety linked to our topic.

This half term the topic is 'New Beginnings' within

Art:

PSHE:

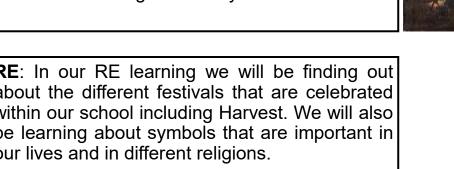
The children will be experimenting with various paint techniques, as well as exploring how to mix colours. They will also be using art as a source of information about the past.

History:

This half term we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We will learn the key events that took place, and we will develop our research skills to find facts. We will also be learning about an important historical person.

Music:

We will be listening to music and learning songs that use a range of sounds and speeds. We will also take part in a Harvest Celebration.

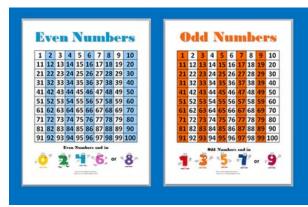




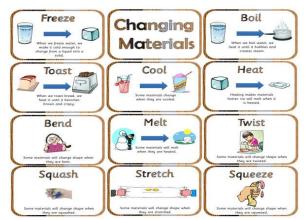








Math Operations	Symbols	Other Words	
Addition	-	sum Altogether all in all	together total total number add
Subtraction	_	minus greater than more than take away fewer than less than	How many more How many left? How many less? subtract difference is left
Multiplication	×	product multiply multiplied by times	
Division	÷ /	quotient dividend divide divided by	each per average divide equally
Equal	=	the same equals the same as is equal to equivalent	







Home Learning

Below are some suggestions of projects your children might like to work on over the half term.

Create a non-fiction book all about the Great Fire of London. Remember the features of non-fiction books.

Write a diary entry. Imagine you were a child during the Great Fire of London. What could you see? What would you have heard? What would it have smelt like? What would you do to escape the fire? How would you have helped put out the fire?

Create or draw a house in the style of homes during 1666. Consider the materials that were used, the colours of those materials and the size of the homes.

Look around your home. Can you make a list of objects around your home and name the materials those objects are made of? Do you think they would be flammable? Why?



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