

# The Great Fire of London Year 2 2023 - 2024 Autumn 1

## Science

Our topic this half term is: **Everyday materials**. Every week we will be planning, predicting, conducting and evaluating material investigations, such as: "What would be the most suitable material for Traction Man's cape?" There will be lots of opportunities for practical lessons throughout the half term.

## Computing

During our computing lessons this half term, we will focus on coding lessons which will include:

- Combining start and input events to create an app.
- Using different sorts of inputs.
- Using buttons to give instructions.

## R.E.

Our topic this half term is: **Beginnings**. During this topics we will learn to know and understand:

- The many beginnings each day offers.
- That God is present in every beginning.
- The signs and symbols of Baptism.
- Acquire the skills of assimilation,

## Maths

Along with daily fluent in 5 fluency sessions and flashback four questions (recap previously learnt skills), this half term we will be exploring Number, more specifically Place Value and Calculations. We will become fluent and explore reasoning and problem solving activities. Some of the objectives that we will be covering include:

- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words and recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens, ones).
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs.
- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward.
- Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts.
- Add and subtract numbers including: a two-digit number and ones; a two-digit number and tens; two two-digit numbers; adding three one-digit numbers.

## English

### Writing

This half term, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling will be taught via the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme every day. In addition to these skills children will focus on non-fiction texts about the Great Fire of London; Fire Poetry and Samuel Pepys' diary. We will be focusing on sequencing and re-tell, non-fiction writing and diary entries. To continue improving our writing, we will be using lots of Kagan techniques and having grammar focus' in our written work. We will be showcasing lots of our work on the website and on twitter, so make sure you keep a look out!

### Reading

Children in Year 2 will continue to participate in the Read, Write inc. Phonics programme. This will take place daily. Children will continue to learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling.

## History/Geography

We will be focusing on the history of the Great Fire of London, comparing London in 1666 to now and developing our map work skills to find where London and the other capital cities in the United Kingdom are. We will be looking at the life of Samuel Pepys, a very significant person during this period and discussing real life superheroes, the fire brigade. We will be understanding how important these heroes are in our daily lives and how the Great Fire of London would have been different if firefighters were around then. As part of our topic we will also visit Rochdale Fire Museum.

## Music

We will continue to be taught by Rochdale Music Services this term.