

The Great Fire of London Year 2 Autumn 1

Science

Our topic this half term is: **Materials**. We will:

- Explore different materials.
- Test different materials by planning, predicting, conducting and evaluating material investigations.

Art

Our topic this half term is drawing: understanding tone and texture.

We will explore how artists use tone and texture, and apply these techniques in observational drawings.

RE

Our topic this half term is: **Creation and Covenant**. During this topic we will:

- Know that the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament.
- Know that psalms are prayed/sung to praise God and recognise that they are a different literary form in scripture.
- Respond to and reflect on God's gift of Creation.
- Retell the Noah story (Genesis 6:9–9:17).
- Express why we care for God's world.
- Understand the term 'stewardship'.
- Reflect on how actions can help or harm themselves and others and what this could mean for their friendship with God.
- Correctly use religious words and phrases to talk about the Sacrament of Baptism.

Maths

Along with mastering number 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 – Traction Man by Mini Grey

GPS Skills taught this half term:

- Beginning and end of sentence punctuation
- Capital Letters
- Full Stops
- Use questions
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use 'and' and 'because'
- Use verbs
- Use nouns and proper nouns.

Writing this half term:

- Write a prediction about the story
- Write captions
- Write a character description of Traction Man
- Write questions
- Write a diary in role as Traction Man
- Write a thank you letter in role as Traction Man
- Story map Traction Man
- Story board a sequel
- Write a sequel

English: 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.

Music

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