

Music



We will be learning to sing in a round and use call and echo songs to practice developing pitch and tempo.

We will use percussion instruments to create accompaniments and sound effects for stories as well as learning to play different rhythms

PE



This term we will be developing our hockey skills in games. This will be led by the coaches from Newcastle Community Football. In addition, we will continue gymnastics lessons with a specialist teacher. Year 2 will need their P.E. kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with plimsolls or suitable trainers for lessons. Please ensure you continue to bring in warm PE clothing for outside lessons.

Art and Design Technology



In Art we will continue to study Claude Monet with a focus on his weather paintings as continuation of our previous topic. We will continue to develop our collage techniques, plan a final piece and then create a collage in the style of Monet thinking about the weather around us.

In Design Technology we will learn how to make puppets to help retell the story of the Great Fire of London. We will learn how to follow the design process, from idea, to plan, to completed model and evaluation.

What can you do to help?

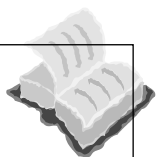
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a booklet of activities relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within school.
- Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read out aloud using expression. Ask questions about the book they have read and make a comment in their reading journal.
- Work with your child to enable them to become more confident at reciting their times tables, reading and spelling their common exception words.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls.



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Fire Fire!

English



This half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures.

We will be using stories such as 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Baba Yaga' and 'The Dragon Machine' and we will be looking at how to use exciting vocabulary to make our own writing interesting for the reader.

We will continue to learn about parts of speech including nouns, adjectives and verbs.

We will develop our writing for different purposes such as diary writing, postcards and letters and poetry.

Also we will be learning to read for understanding by completing comprehension activities and finding the answers in the texts that we read.

History



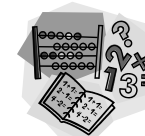
Our main topic this half term will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be researching facts about when, where, how and why this event took place. We will learn about famous characters that were alive at the time such as Samuel Pepys and how their first-hand accounts have given us good records of what happened long ago.

Geography



Our topic this half term is History based, however we will locate London on a map and discuss that it is the capital city of England. As well as this we will name other cities in the UK.

Mathematics



In Maths this term we will be developing our multiplication and division skills and learning to reason and solve problems using key facts. Also we will be learning about fractions as equal parts of a whole and which fractions are equivalent. We will use our maths skills to solve measuring problems involving weight and capacity. Telling the time will be a focus this half term including solving problems about the duration of events. You can help by helping your child to tell the time and keep practising the times tables and learning number facts.

Computing



In Computing this term we will continue to promote the importance of internet safety and why it is important to not tell anyone your passwords. We will learn how to save our work on to the computers and how to change the font, colour and size of text on a word document. Along with this we will be using the computers to complete research about our topics.

Science



This half term we will look in at materials and their properties. We will consider why materials are suitable for different uses. We will conduct experiments to investigate how waterproof objects are and how some materials can change when subject to push and pull forces. We will also look at recycling and how to sort materials according to their properties. Encourage your child to do recycling at home!

RE/PHSCE



In RE this half term we will be learning about the religion of Islam. This will include retelling some stories from the Quran and describing the Five Pillars of Islam. We will identify similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam and encourage the children to ask questions about the Quran and Islamic beliefs. We hope to visit the mosque.

In PSHE the children will learn about contentment, perseverance and happiness through circle times and stories.