

Literacy



The children will be writing in a variety of genres this half term, including leaflets, diary entries, stories and poetry. They will be focussing on the skills of handwriting (joining letters in words), spelling (spelling rules for suffixes and prefixes), punctuation and grammar. They should learn about and use the four sentence types—question, statement, exclamation and commands.

They will continue to have daily guided reading sessions where they will read and respond to a text, focussing on answering questions with inference.

Music

This half term the children will be learning some new songs and thinking about pitch and tempo. We will be working on compositions and organising sounds.



Computing

This half term the children will be completing a topic 'We are researchers'. They will be focussing on researching a topic using the computer, thinking about using search engines safely.

Geography

The children will learn the names of the 4 countries of the British Isles and their capital cities and place these on a map.

VISITS/OTHER

Author of the half term- Roald Dahl.

We will be reading books by this author and talking about reoccurring themes and characters.

Art

The children will be looking at the painting *The Scream* by Edvard Munch and using pastels to recreate the image in the style of the artist. They will be using different mediums to create smoke effects linked to the Fire of London.



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The Fire of London
Year 2



PE

PE will be on **Monday** or **Tuesday** afternoon covered by Mr Coley who is a sport coach coming into school, and **Wednesday** or **Thursday afternoon** with the regular class teacher. Please remember to bring PE kits for this day. *PE kit usually consists of a plain white top and bottle green shorts/bottoms and black pumps. Girls should have their hair tied back.*



Science

The children will be finding out about animals. They should notice that animals (including humans) have offspring. They will be learning about the basic needs of animals for survival and the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.

Maths



This half term the children will be learning about fractions. They will need to be able to find a fraction of a shape, a group of objects and a number, including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. They should learn about equivalence in fractions. The children will also continue to practise the skill of multiplication and division, developing their noticing, reasoning and fluency of concepts. They will recap and consolidate mental strategies and number facts such as multiplication tables, number facts of all numbers to 10 and 20 and doubles and halves. They will also continue to practise rounding, estimating (estimating an answer to a question and giving their reasons) and addition and subtraction.

History

The children will be learning all about the Fire of London. They will learn about how the fire started, how and why it spread so quickly and the rebuilding of London after the fire. They will learn about the importance of Samuel Pepys and his diaries.



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The children will be thinking about "Good to be me". They will consider what makes them special and learn how to be appreciative of each other.