



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Sickness and Smoke

2025 - 2026

After an exciting term exploring the world, we are ready to delve into the past. Get your masks ready as we learn all about The Plague. Gore included!

Key Dates

23rd February – First day of term

26th February – Parents evening

3rd March – Parents evening

24th March – Topic Showcase

24th/25th March – Easter Discos (TBC)

26th and 27th March – Easter Craft Morning

Maths

This half term in maths we will be continuing our multiplication unit. By the end of the half term, the children will have learned their 2 times table, 5 times table and 10 times table. We will also start Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) after the children have been taught their multiplication unit. TTRS will replace Numbots in preparation for Year 3 as the children have time in an afternoon to complete TTRS. As well as multiplication, children will also be learning to divide. Below is the language that we shall be using with your children: group equal group, multiplication, arrays, divide, sharing, 2 times table, 5 times table, 10 times table, inverse, part and whole.

PSHE/RE/PE

PSHE – Our PSHE lessons this half term will be surrounding the theme of 'Rights and Respect'.

PE – Our topics in PE this half term are 'Dance' and 'Invasion Games'.

RE – RE will be continued to be taught by Mrs Walker. This half term the children will be learning all about 'Christianity and Islam' and 'How And Why Do People Pray?'

Outdoor Learning

In outdoor learning we will continue to develop our safety skills in the outdoors with Miss Firth. We will also be ensuring that we understand how to look after our local area. Even with the weather getting warmer, please can we remind everyone to send their child to school in a waterproof coat and wellies. If you have any spare wellies please let us know as we can use them as spares, thank you!

Science

Science key words – bulbs, seeds, seedling roots, stem germinate, identify, compare, observing over time

Our topic this half term is all about 'Growing Bulbs and Seeds'. In this module we will look at what seeds need to be able to grow. We will conduct our own investigation and grow our very own plants!

Mrs Carling will continue to teach science to the children. Mrs Carling will be teaching the children all about environmental science. She will be introducing data handling to the children as well to support the development of their scientific skills.

Topic – History and DT

Key Vocabulary (History) – Plague, epidemic, infection, firebreak, diary, London, thatched roof, Charles II, Pudding Lane

Key Vocabulary (DT) - Structure, stable, stiff,, join, design, model, Tudor, replica, beam.

This half term we will be starting our extended topic of 'Sickness and Smoke' in which we delve into the past to learn about the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London. This topic will continue into Summer 1 so the children have in depth knowledge about this time in our history. The children will discover how the Plague started and the impact that this had on London. We will be creating gingerbread people with symptoms of the Plague for a hands-on experience in learning about the plague. Towards the end of the half term we will start our learning about the Great Fire of London.

English

This half term in English we are becoming the plague! We are going to be turning into evil specks of snot and germs; this will link nicely to our topic hook in which we will have a focus on germs. The children will learn more exciting vocabulary that they can use in their writing as well as the following skills: the -er suffix, -est suffix, contractions and expanded noun phrases. Watch out for some sticky, gooey snots coming your way!



Computing/Music

Computing – Our topic in computing this half term is 'Programming: Robot Algorithms'.

Music – Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Clifford. This half term's topic is '20th Century Classical Music' and composition of music. The children will go to weekly singing assemblies hosted by Mrs Clifford.