



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

2025 – 2026

Sickness and Smoke

After a half term's worth of gore and goeey snot, let's make our way towards another of the tragic times in London's history. It's time to learn about the Great Fire of London and take another step into the past.

Key Dates

WC 20th April – Science Exploration Week.

4th May – Bank holiday Monday

22nd May – Colour run

Maths

All children will now have a log in for TTRS. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you are needing a copy for your child to be playing at home.



This half term in maths we will be learning to tell the time. We will focus on o'clock, quarter to, half past and quarter too. This is built on from learning o'clock and half past in year 1. We will also start our fractions unit in which children will learn how to find a 1/2, a 1/3 and a 1/4.

PSHE/RE/PE

PSHE – Our PSHE lessons this half term will be surrounding the theme of 'Being my best.

PE – Our topics in PE this half term are 'Striking and Fielding Games' and the climbing wall.

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?'

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 continuing 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. In this half term we have more of a focus on the Great Fire of London. We will take a deep dive into how we know about the Great Fir of London and use Samuel Peeps as a key focus. We also completed our first DT project of the school year in which we will be creating Tudor houses. The children will learn to fold and join card together to create their own replica of Tudor style houses.

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

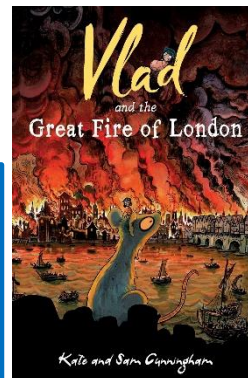
Science key words – bulbs, seeds, seedling roots, stem germinate, identify, compare, observing over time

Our topic this half term is 'Growing Healthy Plants'. We will be building on our knowledge from our previous science unit (looking at how bulbs and seeds grow). Children will recap what is needed in order to help a plant grow and then take a deeper dive into what we can do to sustain healthy plants.

Mrs Carling will continue to teach another science lesson to the children. She has been very impressed with how their scientific skills have progressed over this academic year so far!

English

This half term in English we will be looking at the book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' by Kate and Sam Cunningham. We will be recapping the following Year 2 skills during this half term: expanded noun phrases, -ful suffix, co-ordinating conjunctions and adverbs. Children will be taught the -less suffix and how to use apostrophes for possession. The children will be able to draw on their knowledge about rats during the Great Plague and add in facts into their writing.



Computing/Music

Computing – Our topic in computing this half term is 'Data and Information: Pictograms'.

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