

English

Phonics will be taught through Read Write Inc. which teaches children to read with fluency and expression.

We also follow the storytelling approach where the children learn a familiar story and develop their writing skills based on this. This term our focus texts will be:

- Toby and the Great Fire.
- Samuel Pepys' diary.
- Katie in London

We will be writing instructions for baking bread, learning and writing a warning tale, writing our very own diary entries inspired by Samuel Pepys, a newspaper report/recount and some fire senses poetry.

Science

We will learn to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching and use the correct vocabulary. We will be comparing the use of building materials and their properties to help us answer our question "Why did the fire spread so quickly?".

Lastly, we will be looking at famous scientists and inventors. We will study Charles Macintosh and his invention of waterproof fabric.

Music and Drama

This term, we will be learning lots of songs relating to our topic, including London's Burning and Ring a' Roses. We will be linking to our Geography sessions, looking at music from around the UK.

There is lots of opportunity for drama this term. We will be acting out scenes from the Great Fire, as well as hot seating characters and thought tracking their emotions.

Handwriting

We will be focusing on starting and finishing our letters correctly and joining letters together using the correct, diagonal strokes for joining.

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What would you save in a fire?

Design and Technology (DT)

We will become architects and estate agents this term, designing, making and selling a new home for Samuel Pepys. We will be selecting materials for purpose, making structures stiffer and joining materials. We will also be making our very own 1666 London, making Tudor houses to set fire to in the playground! Fire engines will be constructed looking at mechanisms and

RE and PSHE

In RE this term, we will be looking at the Creation story, and thinking about times when Jesus was kind. We will then think about why we need to be kind. We will be looking at different religions and their traditions.

In our PSHE lessons, we will be focusing on what is important to us. We will be doing lots of work around friendships, emotions and managing our feelings positively.

Mathematics

First, we will be looking at number. We will be counting forwards and backwards, representing numbers to 100, understanding place value (tens and ones), using number lines and comparing numbers using greater than (>) less than (<) and equal to (=).

We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction, using number facts to solve problems. We will be using objects (working practically) and pictorially (drawing) to solve problems including:

- A two digit number and ones (Eg $12 + 3$)
- A two digit number and tens (Eg $12 + 10$)
- Two, two digit numbers (Eg $12 + 12$)
- Adding three, one digit numbers (Eg $2 + 5 + 7$)

Geography and History (Topic)

We will be focusing on UK geography, locating the countries in the UK and their capital cities. We will be comparing London to Treverbyn, noticing similarities and differences.

In history, we will be looking at events beyond living memory (the Great fire) and their impact. We will be learning about the lives of significant individuals including Samuel Pepys, Guy Fawkes and Charles Macintosh.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be creating our own silhouette artwork in the style of Charles Burns, using line and texture to sketch London's landmarks and looking at famous artists linking to our class texts 'Katie in London' and 'Katie's Picture show'.