

Topic Overview for Year 2

Topic Title: Fire, Fire

To engage the children we will:

- Read a range of high quality information texts and use ICT to research the topic.
- Take part in a drama workshop based on the Great Fire of London.

What the children will know by the end of the topic:

- How to keep safe and advise others on fire safety
- What life was like for people living in 1666
- How to find the answers to questions about the Great Fire of London
- How the past influenced the way today's homes are constructed
- The names and properties of different materials
- How to use colour to create different effects in our Artwork
- How to weave using a variety of colours and materials
- How to write a diary to record events
- Information about famous people from the past (e.g. Samuel Pepys)

What the children will learn to do during the topic:

- Understand the importance of fire safety
- Plot historical events on a timeline
- To use different sources to find information
- The wider impact of The Great Fire of London (e.g. how it affected materials used for building)
- To sort and classify materials
- To find similarities and differences between materials
- Plan tests to find out how shapes of a solid object made from some materials can be changed. E.g. Squashing, bending and twisting
- Explore hot and cold colours by looking at and comparing paintings by various artists
- Use paint and pastels to mix our own hot and cold colours

The memorable experience(s) during the topic will be:

- To invite the Fire Brigade into school to talk about the importance of fire safety.
- To design and bake our own bread rolls.

To support your child's learning with this topic you could:

- Visit the library to find information books on The Great Fire of London
- Use the internet to research information
- Talk about materials used in buildings in the area using language to describe the properties i.e. rigid, flexible, smooth, rough etc.
- Visit the Museum of London and look at the Fire of London exhibition
- Visit the Monument in Pudding Lane

PE Lessons

2B– Tue and Wed

2S – Tues and Thu

2T – Tues and Thurs

*In term 3 the children in Year 2 will be having tennis lessons provided by a tennis coach.