Literacy



We will be looking at stories with repetitive patterns, starting with Zog by Julia Donaldson. We will use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, repetitive phrases, and make predictions based on what they have read. The children will innovate their own story. Also, we will be looking at poems on a theme based on The Great Fire of London and writing an information book on the topic of fire.

Numeracy



The children will be reasoning and problem - solving using addition and subtraction (within 10). They will understand the part-whole model and develop their mathematical vocabulary.
Geometry: reason and solve problems with 2D and 3D shapes.
Consolidation - place value work.

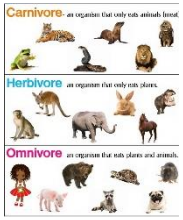
Religious Education



Our topic starts with **My world Jesus world: How is the place where Jesus lived different from how we live now?** The children are exploring what life was like when Jesus, was alive on earth. They will talk about the human nature and experience of Jesus as he lived in the world at that time linked with Christianity and Judaism.
We will also learn about **Christmas: Why do we give and receive gifts?** The children will deepen their understanding of the true meaning of Christmas through emphasising that Jesus was a gift from God.

Science

Our topic this half term is Animals. We will be looking at the six classes of animals and identifying their characteristics. The six classes are: mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We will also discuss their dietary habits and find out which animals are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.



History



Our topic for the half term is based on The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about the events that lead to the start of the fire in Pudding Lane in 1666. We will look at how the fire brigade has changed over time and compare London from a long time ago to Modern London.



Computing



E-Safety – To discuss the use of computers with the children and how to stay safe online.
They will learn about Pictograms and how data can be stored in different ways and then interpreted. Children will also be introduced to the term 'algorithm'. This concept is at the core of coding.

Geography



The children will reinforce geographical knowledge of their locality and compare them to features found in other cities such as London.



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In **Year 1 and 2** your child will be learning about

The Great Fire of London.



Physical Education

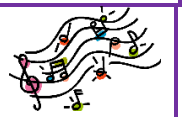


Both classes will have a session per week supported by the FUNDA project. This could be held indoors or outdoors according to the weather. The children will be taught dance techniques.
Each class will have a teacher led session which will cover games skills.

Art and Design Technology

Mechanisms – Pops up and simple card levers to illustrate a situation from The Great Fire of London e.g people escaping over the River Thames or the fire carts arriving. They will research existing products, find a purpose, and discuss who is going to use their product.

Music



The children will reinforce their music skills through songs at Christmas and performing the nativity.

Personal, Social and Health Education



Who helps to keep us safe?
The children will learn about the kinds of people that can help them in different parts of their lives. They will discuss why they need help and explore feelings when asking for help.
Anti-Bullying week activities.

Homework will be:

Maths weekly homework sheets and mathletics.
Phonics weekly homework sheets.
Topic work on Purple Mash.
Home reading - Daily.

Key dates for your diary are:

Tues 3rd Nov - Return to school
Thu 5th Nov – Year 1 English hook visitor
Fri 6th Nov – Year 2 English hook visitor
Tues 17th Nov – Parents' Evening
Dec – Nativity TBC
Fri 18th Dec – End of Term

Please talk to your children about:

- The history of Remembrance Day.
- Bonfire night
- How things have changed in their life times and in the wider family lifetimes. Talk to grandparents about changes.