

English

In English, we will be writing short story extracts, diary entries and non-fiction fact files based on the events of The Great Fire of London. We will start our English lessons with drama and role play and follow these with exciting writing opportunities where we will learn more about noun phrases, adjectives and using commas. Throughout this, we will learn how to make our writing more sophisticated with interesting vocabulary linked to our senses.



Year 2 Owls



Spring 1 2026 **London's** **Burning**

Mathematics

In Maths, we will begin our spring term by adding and subtracting numbers on number lines. In particular, we will work closely on bridging through ten when adding and subtracting. After, we will be learning how to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to. We will be solving problems involving time using our knowledge of how many seconds in a minute, minutes in an hour and hours in a day. Finally, we will be measuring mass accurately in grams using scales.

ICT and Computing

During this Spring term we will be learning how to create storyboards on iPads and computers. We will be learning how to insert pictures from the camera roll, recording sound and voice and sequencing events to retell stories. Throughout this we will have the chance to create pictures and videos using a variety of Apps and share these with our peers. There will be lots of opportunity for us to practise our typing to develop accuracy and fluency.

Topic

In Topic, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be researching the events that unfolded over those five days in 1666 and looking closely at the number of factors that caused it to spread so rapidly. We will be using a range of sources to gather our information including artefacts, diary entries and videos.

Physical Education

Our PE topic this half term is dance. We will be learning how to sequence moves and use our bodies to tell a story. Our first dance will focus on retelling the events of the Great Fire of London. During this topic we will be developing key skills such as team work, memory and how to move in time to music. Once we have put our dance together, we will video it to share with the rest of the school!

Science

Our topic in Science this half term is Plants. We will start the topic learning about plants in our environment including trees and flowers. We will be measuring them to learn about growth and then will plant our own seeds to see how different plants live. Throughout this process we will be able to experiment with what plants need to survive and learn about the difference between plants that produce edible flowers and those that don't.

Art/Design and Technology

As part of our focus on the Great Fire of London, we will be constructing a simple 'water well', to represent the buckets that were carried by Londoners to put out the fire. By using a spool on an axle, the children will be able to lower and raise their miniature bucket by rotating the axle.

Ways to support the learning

- Read regularly with your child. We recommend five times a week.
- Read the tricky words in your red book daily with your child.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100.
- Find mathematics in everyday things, such as shapes, learning with money or fractions when sharing foods.