

English

Our English sessions this half term will be used to explore high quality texts, our first being [Lights on Cotton Rock by David Litchfield](#). We will explore the text in detail and write a letter to one of the characters. Our next two books will be [Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Katie Cunningham](#) and [Rocket Boy by Katie Jennings](#). We will also be continuing with our daily Read Write Inc. (RWI) sessions: learning set 2 and 3 sounds. In our smaller group sessions, we will be focusing on fluency (the speed and ease at which we read words and sentences) when we read. In guided reading, children will be reading [The Most Important Animal of All by Penny Worms](#) and practise answering comprehension (understanding what we read) style questions.

Computing

Children will continue to use the iPads in a range of lessons to research key information and record this in note form. We will also encourage children to log on independently and discuss internet safety regularly.

Maths

The children will begin by [learning about money](#). They will explore the value of coins and use their knowledge of addition and subtraction to find the total of coins and work out change. We will then [learn to tell the time](#) to the nearest quarter and 5 minute intervals. Children will be encouraged to use their previously learnt skills and apply this to new topics and answer word problems. We have also been learning and practising our times tables and this will continue throughout this term – please encourage your child(ren) to practise at home with [TTRS](#) and [Numbots](#).

Creativity

Art

In Art, We will be using a range of media and skills that we have learnt so far this year to create artwork based on the Great Fire of London.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read daily (even if for only 5-10 mins) and encourage your child(ren) to comment in their reading record.

PE kits (including suitable trainers) should be worn to school every Thursday.

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

RE

The children will be learning about how different religions [help the community](#). In this topic we will also explore charities and their roles in the community.

PSHE

We will be looking at [budgeting, money management and being able to save](#). The children will learn this through practical activities, scenarios and debates.

Knowledge and Understanding

Science

Our science topic this term is animals and humans. We will begin by learning all about different [life cycles](#) including the human life cycle. The children will learn about the key changes between each stage of the human life cycle. We will also look at mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The children will learn the differences and similarities between the groups.

History

Pupils will be learning all about the [Great Fire of London](#). We will begin by discovering how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. Children will find out what damage the fire caused and the impact this had on the [architecture of London](#) after the fire. We will be using enriching texts to support our learning, such as [An Illustrated History of the Great Fire of 1666](#).

Physical Development

In PE we will be practising a range of athletic skills: throwing, catching, jumping and running. This helps us to develop our coordination, balance, gross motor skills and improve our general level of fitness so that we stay healthy.