



Topic Learning Letter

Year Two- Spring 2024

Topic	Our topics this term are <i>London's Burning</i> and <i>Where in the World?</i>
Launch and Land	<p>We launched our <i>London's Burning</i> topic with a treasure hunt to find out what Samuel Pepys buried to protect them from 'The Great Fire of London'. For our land we will be performing our Great Fire of London assembly to demonstrate our learning on this topic.</p> <p><i>Where in the world?</i> will be launched by investigating a postcard that has been sent by Denise from the country that she lives in. We must use clues that she is sending us to discover where that is.</p> <p>We land this topic by taking a trip into Saffron Walden town and museum to inform us about the geography in the local area.</p>
Trips / Visitors	We are really excited to show the children how fantastic Saffron Walden is by taking a trip to the highlights of the town and learning about some of its geography. This will include a trip to Saffron Walden Museum.
Science	<p>In Science we will be investigating changing materials by performing simple experiments. This will be underlined by our learning of The Great Fire of London where we investigate the buildings in 1666.</p> <p>We move on to learn about animals, including humans, by looking at healthy eating and the effects of exercise on the body.</p>
History/Geography	<p>We will be learning about the events of The Great Fire of London and asking questions about how the fire spread. We will be using maps, timelines, Samuel Pepys's diary as well as other artefacts.</p> <p>In geography we study the local area, changes over time and how this compares to the contrasting locality where Denise lives.</p>
Design and Technology / Art	<p>In art and design we will be looking at the artist Megan Coyle and creating our own Great Fire of London collages. We will be doing this early in the term so we would like you to donate any old magazines that you have at home.</p> <p>We also will be studying the work of David Hockney when learning about digital print. In design technology we are researching, designing and making healthy salads.</p>
Music	We will be learning songs in preparation for our 'land' on the Great Fire of London and learning music with a musical town theme.
PSHE	This half term we focus on 'dreams and goals', working within a group to create an end product. We will choose a goal and think about how to achieve it using perseverance. After half term the topic is 'healthy me' where we will learn about what we need to keep our minds and bodies healthy.
RE	This term we will be exploring <i>How do Christians belong to their faith family?</i> and <i>How do Jewish people celebrate Passover? (Pesach)</i>
Reminders	Year 2 are swimming every Wednesday afternoon the first half term . Please make sure they have a kit (including swimming hat) in school on the correct day underneath their PE kit. This half term we will start our times table challenge by giving the children a chance to gain their first badge (2, 5 and 10 times tables) before going into the juniors.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please talk to one of the Year Two Team.