



The topic for this half term is Light Up! Work will also link and lead into the celebration of Christmas.

### English

- ✚ Children will be looking at the features of a diary, will be reading Samuel Pepys entries about the Fire of London and will be writing their own diaries as a time traveller to 1666. They will have opportunities to use drama and will also be writing descriptions about the houses and streets in London at that time.
- ✚ Grammar will focus on writing in the past and present tense and the use of a range of conjunctions including because, and, but, or, when.
- ✚ We will be aging paper to write on and will have the opportunity to write with ink quills.
- ✚ **Handwriting - Children who require extra practise will be consolidating correct formation, size and consistency of letters. Some children will start to learn simple joins beginning with diagonal joins.**

### Maths

- ✚ Children will continue with their addition and subtraction calculating - please continue to support weekly optional homework to consolidate manipulating numbers
- ✚ We will also solve word problems involving addition and subtraction, using different representations (number lines, place value charts, base 10, column addition/subtraction) to check our calculations

### Science

- ✚ Children will learn that a variety of sources give out light; that without light it is dark; that it is dangerous to look at the sun and that the sun gives us daylight
- ✚ They will look at materials and their effect on blocking light.
- ✚ We will be looking at parts of the human eye and the effect light has on the eye.
- ✚ We will also be looking at the adaptations of nocturnal animals.

### History

- ✚ To start our half term, we will be remembering all the people affected by past and present wars, culminating in a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.
- ✚ We will be historians and investigate evidence to discover the reasons why The Great Fire of London started and how it affected the lives of Londoners at the time. We will be sequencing the main events and producing a timeline based on this. We will learn why Samuel Pepys was a significant individual and will examine pictures of historical objects linked with this time period, being historical detectives to work out their importance and use.

### P.E.

- ✚ This half term has a fitness focus. We will be completing bleep tests, fitness circuits, aerobic routines and various other cardio exercises. We will be making observations about our heart rate and drawing conclusions about the effect of fitness on our bodies. We will be increasing our strength, speed and agility throughout this half term.

## Art and Design

- ✚ Children will be sketching Tudor Houses using different mark making techniques. The children will also be making a Tudor House with moving parts and will be studying art work of the fire by artists from the period.



## Computing

- ✚ Children will be learning how to use the internet safely. They will learn which information needs to be kept private and what to do if they need any help. The children will be using a variety of websites linked with the Fire of London to research and explore the events.

## R.E.

- ✚ We will be continuing with our learning about caring for the world and each other. We will compare how different religious and non-religious world views might inspire caring in the world today. We will also be investigating inspiring people in our living memory who have showed their care in exceptional ways.

## Music

- ✚ The children will continue to develop their understanding of pulse and rhythm. They will play musical games and learn songs to explore the difference between pulse and rhythm whilst also learning about dynamics and timbre. Towards the end of the half term, children will begin to follow and create a simple graphic score.
- ✚ In addition, we will be working towards our Christmas concerts, learning Christmas carols and songs and adding instrumental accompaniments to them.

## RHE/ PSHCE

- ✚ During this half term the children will continue with their 'Young Leaders Award'. In the first half of the autumn term, we focused on the area of kindness towards others. This half term we will look at the area of perseverance. We will discuss how perseverance means not giving up, sticking at it and being determined even when the task is difficult. The children will take part in different challenges and talk about how it made them feel. These experiences will then be linked to a story from the bible. Towards the end of our work on perseverance will focus on the actions of Rosa Parks and how she tried to change things for the better using perseverance and determination. In addition, the children will find out about the festivals of Remembrance, Christmas both in Britain and around the world.
- ✚ All pupils will participate in the School Behaviour Management Policy, including School Rules and Playground Games. The golden rule for this half term is '**Work Hard**'.
- ✚ Pupils will learn about why we commemorate Poppy Day/Remembrance Sunday and will take part in a special service of remembrance around the war memorial on 11th November.
- ✚ All pupils will participate in the school Christmas nativity play and our joint Carol Service with Roseberry Academy in Christ Church.