

Year Two Autumn 2020

RE: We will be exploring our knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to Islam, exploring what it means to be a Muslim through the key question Who is a Muslim and how do they live? Next we will focus on Christianity, exploring the question: Why is Christmas important to Christians? We will explore the Nativity story found in the Gospel of Luke and the concept of incarnation.

Music: Using instruments, computing and our voices we will discover how to combine sounds to create a musical effect. We will also learn how music, dance and drama can combine in storytelling.

English: We look set to be very busy this term! We will be developing out speaking and listening skills alongside our reading and writing skills. We will be starting off with *The Gruffalo* and this will then lead on to the Great Fire of London. We will be covering many different areas of learning in our English work. We will be acting out and writing our own *Gruffalo* stories then writing newspaper reports and diary entries about the Great Fire of London. We will also be looking more closely at non-fiction texts and using our researching skills whilst learning about Black History. We will be writing leaflets and instructions and closer to Christmas we will be writing The Christmas story from different viewpoints. We will also be continuing to learn cursive handwriting and as well as our phonics lessons we will be having special lessons about all the grammar, punctuation and spellings for Year Two.



Maths: This term, we will be thinking carefully about the place value of digits in numbers up to 100. We will also be developing our skills of addition and subtraction using both mental and written methods. We will use apparatus to help us and we will have to explain how we have worked out our answers. We will also be learning about money, temperature, length and mass. It will be great fun as we will be taking part in lots of practical activities. Also, we will be taking part in exciting daily maths sessions, allowing us to practise and develop our skills across all areas of Mathematics. Towards Christmas, we will start multiplying and learning the multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and we will also be solving problems using materials, arrays, repeated addition and multiplication facts.

Science: We will be using our investigative skills whilst learning about materials. We will be thinking about their different uses and properties and how some are natural and some are not. We will use of skills of sorting and classifying to sort materials into groups. We will also be using our researching skills to find out about people who have invented materials that we use every day such as Dunlop and Mackintosh. During our practical work, we will be developing our investigative and recording skills when we look at which materials are waterproof. We will also be discovering how forces affect materials as well as learning about plastics, recycling and upcycling.



Computing: In our Computing lessons, we will be exploring algorithms. We will be using our skills of programing and predicting whilst writing and testing simple programs and predicting what might happen next. We will also be learning about internet safety and how we can stay safe on the internet.

History: We will be looking at life in the past and how it was different from today by learning the story of The Great Fire of London! We will be using many historical skills including carrying out a historical enquiry, investigating and communicating with others. We will use research and timelines, Pepys' and Evelyn's diaries as well as role play, drama and dance. We will link our work in History with learning about London in Geography and writing newspaper reports in English.

Art/ Design and Technology: We will be using our drawing skills to sketch and plan, we will also be mixing colours and using different materials to create texture. We will investigate printing and using overlapping shapes. Linking our DT with our Science work, we will be looking at using textiles in all sorts of ways. We will be using our skills of designing, making and evaluating whilst completing our projects linked to the Great Fire of London and Christmas.

PE/ Games: We will be developing our team building skills whilst learning how to play team games co-operatively. We will also be developing our skills of co-ordination and control as well as our ability to link actions together whilst learning a dance linked to the Great Fire of London. We will also be developing our passing and receiving skills whilst playing invasion games.

PSHE: We will be learning about 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be thinking about our class rules and how to create an ideal classroom. We will also be talking about our feelings, emotions and friendships. After half term, we will be learning about growing and changing. Throughout the term, we will be developing our skills of communicating and listening. We will continue to use the tricks that we already know from Trick box and we will also be learning some new ones!