

We are Historians

Year 2 Spring Term

RE

Children will learn that Christians believe in God, and that they can find out about God in the Bible. We will share stories that show Christian beliefs. We will then be learning about salvation prior to Easter.

Literacy

We will continue to focus on building up the skills needed to be a good writer. We will use the 'Grammar Toolkit' to improve our writing. In our descriptive writing, we will seek inspiration from the book *Tell Me A Dragon* by Jackie Morris. We will be studying key facts about The Great Fire of London using a range of non-fiction texts including online resources. The children will use this information to write eye-witness accounts, placing themselves in this historical period. Following this, we will be reading the stories of *Katie Morag* by Mairi Hedderwick and writing some of our own adventures.

History/Geography

In History, the children will study the events and facts of the Great Fire of London and its impact on today. We will look at how we know about the fire with a particular focus on Samuel Pepys. The children will make a Tudor-style house as a home learning project, bring them into school, and create a miniature London. Later on in the term, in Geography, we will focus on mapping skills and grid references.

PE

This term the children will be learning gymnastics and dance skills. They will also learn attacking, defending, and shooting skills in their outdoor PE lessons.

Science

During this unit the children explore life cycles of humans, frogs and other animals to recognise similarities and differences. They will look at the basic needs of all animals. Then they will explore the key aspects of what keeps humans healthy. They will look at key elements of a balanced diet including what makes up the different food groups. We will also look at other aspects of health including the need to keep fit.

Art/DT

In DT, the children will design and build structures to create furniture for their Tudor home. During art, we plan to build on our drawing, painting, and collage skills. The children will be studying the work of local artist Victoria Goodman for inspiration.

Music

The children will be listening to the piece of music 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius and using this to create graphic scores. We will then learn about pitch using the music from 'The Sound of Music'. We will use the chime bars to learn about scales and to create our own compositions.

RSE

In RSE, we will be learning how people show each other that they care. We will think about how each of us can be a VIP to others. Then our focus will be about how to keep safe. We will explore whose job it is to keep people safe and the rules that we all follow.

ICT

We will be using devices to take photographs, exploring what a good photograph looks like and how our images could be improved. We will also be looking at pictograms and how to interpret data when it is represented pictorially.

Maths

In number we are focussing on learning the 5 X table and counting forwards and backwards from any number to 100. We will learn to use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve mathematical problems. We will also be introducing fractions. The children will begin to develop their understanding of measure to find different lengths and heights.