



# Year 2 Learning Leaflet



## Topic

As **Artists** we will be sketching pictures of London's iconic landmarks and making silhouette pictures of the Great Fire of London.

In **Design and Technology** we will be using a sliding mechanism to create a 2d moving picture of a black cab/ red London bus/ a boat/ an underground train travelling along in London with the landmarks in the background. A separate letter will come home asking parents to make a Tudor style house from a cereal box, which the children will then use to recreate the famous Pudding Lane.

In **Geography** we will begin our topic by looking at the map of the UK and learning what the 4 countries are that form the UK, and the capital cities of these countries. The children will locate them on a map and use google maps to find London.

As **Historians** we will be learning about The Great Fire of London - a significant event which took place beyond the children's living memory. They will be learning where it started, how it spread and how it ended.

## Science

As **Scientists** we will be taking a more in-depth look at the materials all around us and learning about which materials are suitable for different things. For example 'Why did the fire of London spread so quickly?' and 'Would it happen now? Why not?' We will also be learning about habitats, microhabitats and food chains.

This term will start with our CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) day which will launch our Science week. Children will get the opportunity to do different experiments to identify which suspect is guilty! As part of Science week, we will be doing some exciting experiments, learning about how seeds grow and why exercise is important.

## Bright Lights Big City

Wow what a busy last half term and a very messy one, but the children loved it and that's what matters! I hope you have all had a lovely rest. This half term our topic is called 'Bright Lights, Big City'. The children will find out all about England's capital city, it's history, transport and famous landmarks! Beware they'll be nagging you to take them there after our topic!

## RE

In **RE** lessons this half term we will be learning about what happened in the Easter story and what the Easter egg symbolises to Christians.



## Dates for the diary

SATs information session for parents	11.3.20
Great Fire of London Visitor	17.3.20
Year 2 topic showcase	23.3.20

**Please note every Wednesday a school ping will be sent to the parent/carer of children who have been chosen for star of the week, inviting you to celebrate with us in the Friday assembly.**

### For Your Information

In Year 2 the **SATs tests** are still compulsory and these will take place during the month of May. There will be a Maths and Reading test, and the writing is teacher-assessed. We make these tests as informal as possible, and preparations are already underway to ensure your child does the best they can in the tests.

**We will send home a letter soon with the option of purchasing some discounted workbooks for reading, maths and grammar that you could work through with your child over the Easter holidays and in May before the tests are administered.**

**To provide more information about the tests and to help you support your children, we will be holding a SATs information session on the 11th March. This will start at 9:00am and will last about 15 minutes.**

## English

Our **English** learning will be based around the story book called Katie in London. We will learn about the different landmarks in London as Katie visits them. We will also be writing a non-fiction piece of work describing what happened in the Great Fire of London. All writing this half term will focus on ensuring the children use the grammar skills that we have taught, such as using apostrophes, exclamation marks, commas, question marks etc. There will also be a big focus on ensuring children know how to spell the 64 Year 2 'Common Exception Words' in the National Curriculum. Please practise these as often as possible. Reading at home is still very important, especially for Year 2 children who are 'tested' on their reading ability.

## Maths

As **Mathematicians** the children will be continuing to learn Fractions - calculating fractions of amounts, and understanding terms such as numerator and denominator. They will also be learning to tell the time in both digital and analogue using O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will then move onto learning about the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

In our Quick Fire Maths Attack sessions we will continue to revisit strategies to complete addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations.

**It is very important that you also support your children with learning the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table.**