

## **Curriculum Information**

## Autumn 1 Year 2





## Our topic this half term is 'Bright Lights, Big City'.

We will be learning about our capital city today and what life is like in a modern big city.

Fire! Fire! London's burning! We will then travel back in time to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century to solve the mystery of how The Great Fire of London started using evidence from Samuel Pepys' diary to discover more about London at this time.

**As writers**, we will be writing a non-chronological report of a guide to London and a story about Paddington in the city, as well as writing an acrostic poem and a diary entry surrounding The Great Fire of London.

**As readers**, we will read stories with London as its setting as well as a range of non-fiction texts to find out more about London.

**In Maths,** we will focus on numbers within 100 and place value. We will be exploring strategies of subtracting and adding two-digit numbers and using these skills to solve word problems.

In Science, we will find out about different materials using the different enquiry types.

In Computing, we will be exploring the uses of IT, along with learning about online safety.

In Design and Technology, we will be making vehicles and baking bread rolls.

**In Geography,** we will be discovering countries and capitals and compass points. We will be locating London in an Atlas, exploring the difference between towns and cities, and looking at aerial photographs.

**In History,** we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. We will find out about the causes and consequences of the fire, its significance, and learn about Samuel Pepys.

**In Music,** we will be learning key vocabulary such as pitch, dynamics and tempo to help us improve our singing.

**In PSHE,** we will learn about to keep ourselves safe through our learning in Protective Behaviours as well as recognising ways we can improve our mental and physical wellbeing. We will also learn about the dangers of fireworks and how to stay safe on Bonfire Night.

In PE, we will take part in team games and athletics.

In RE, we will learn about Christianity, including Harvest and the Bible.