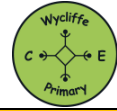


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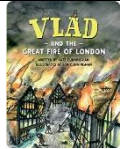
"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED."
-AESOP-



Chestnut and Elm
Mrs Bailey - Miss Dyson
Year 2



Our big question this term is:
Did Guy Fawkes start the Great
Fire of London?



English

Vlad and the Great Fire of London will be our main class text this half term. To compliment this, we will be using a beautiful non-fiction picture book which illustrates the story of the Great Fire of London. We will begin by writing a setting description to describe the streets of London in 1666 after the fire. Then, we will write an explanation text to show off our knowledge of the great fire.

Maths

Learning about place value is where our journey will begin. This will allow us to explore how to write numbers up to 100 and beyond and learn the value of the digits within these numbers. Number sequences will also be a key part of this learning. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin to look into addition and subtraction of one and two digit numbers. Initially, we will be drawing tens and ones but this will lead into the column method of addition and subtraction.



HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Our learning will be centered around our big question 'Did Guy Fawkes start the Great Fire of London?'. This will be our focus of learning for the whole of the Autumn term. We will begin by learning some key UK geography including exploring the landmarks of London and how the landscape in London has changed over the years. We will also spend time learning about the people involved in the great fire and the sequence of events that took place in London at the beginning of September 1666.



Science

Our Science unit is 'Materials'. We will generate lots of questions around materials and the Great Fire of London, which we will use to help us to design our own investigation. Sorting and grouping materials will be how we begin and looking at their different properties and how best to use materials will be a big focus.



PE

Please come dressed in your PE kit on a Thursday and Friday. This half term you will be taking part in developing ball skills!



Art

In Art, we will immerse ourselves as artists, using different tools to re-create images of fire and fireworks. We will try out different tools to see which we like best and even try mixing some together to make the most effective picture. As well as this, we will also be doing some sketching with London and the Great Fire as our inspiration.



RE

Our big question in RE is 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' To help us to answer this, we will be looking at some bible stories and how Christians put their beliefs into practice.



PSHE

'What helps us to stay safe' is the big question that we will be exploring. This will involve learning how to recognise risks, understanding rules and learning how and why these rules keep us safe.

Music

Our Music unit is called 'Hands, feet and heart' which will see us learning some songs with actions. Alongside this, we will be learning to sing and sign a song about the Great Fire of London to help us remember key facts.



Computing

Information Technology around us is our unit title this half term. After identifying how IT is used in our own lives, we will think about how others use IT. We will discuss how the use of IT safely and responsibly.

French

We will learn how to answer the register in French.



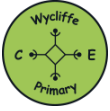
Reading

Please keep reading anything and everything you can alongside your school reading book. Record any reading that you do in the homework diary. In school, we will read with your child at least once a week. We would love it if you could read on a daily basis. Reading book and reading record must be brought to school every day. Please access Accelerated Reader from home as much as possible. This is a great resource for regular reading and comprehension quizzes!

Homework

Please use Times Table Rockstars to practise 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables please. Weekly spelling and learn by heart tests will take place on a Friday - please use spelling frame to help with spelling practise. Please remember your homework folder each week on a Friday.

For your homework project this half term, please choose a hexagon in your homework book and use the theme 'Great Fire of London'. This will be due in on Friday 11th October.



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