English

This half term, the children will dive into the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London', exploring his adventures through reading, discussion and imaginative writing. They will create character descriptions, feeling poems, speech bubbles and exciting diary entries, while also writing non-fiction reports about the fire, using expanded noun phrases, past and present tense verbs and time conjunctions. Alongside these creative activities, they will develop reading comprehension, handwriting, spelling of common exception words and the skills to make predictions, inferences and discuss images.

Maths

In Year 1, children will learn to:

- Read, write and solve addition and subtraction within 10, including fact families.
- Use number bonds within 10 to solve problems and find parts.
- Add or subtract 1 or 2 using number lines and practical methods.
- Recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes
- Explore patterns using 2D and 3D shape

In Year 2, children will learn to:

- Make number bonds to 100 and add or subtract 1s and 3 one-digit numbers.
- Add and subtract across tens, including 2-digit numbers and use 10 more/10 less.
- Solve mixed addition and subtraction problems.
- Recognise, name and draw 2D shapes, counting sides and vertices.
- Recognise, name, and sort 3D shapes, counting faces, vertices and edges.
- Explore lines of symmetry and create patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

PSHE

The children will take a deeper look at emotions and how to manage them. They will revisit body clues that help us recognise how we're feeling and discuss positive ways to handle strong emotions. They will also learn about the importance of personal hygiene and how good sleep helps to keep both body and mind healthy. Finally, they will explore how to stay safe at home and in school and think about the important roles that trusted adults play in keeping us safe.

Music

The children will explore a specific piece of music, listening carefully to identify instruments, tempo, pitch while discussing their opinions. They will continue to develop their singing skills.

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PE

This half term, the children will enjoy gymnastics sessions with a specialist gymnastics coach, developing balance, coordination, and control through a variety of movements. They will also build their throwing and catching skills in multiskills lessons, growing in confidence and teamwork.

French

children will learn simple French words for different vehicles and types of transport. They will practise saying and recognising these words through songs, games and speaking activities.

Computing

This creative unit introduces the children to making and editing multimedia content using digital tools. They will explore how sound and music can be combined with images while experimenting with beats, tempo and simple compositions.

RE

The children will revisit the Christmas story and explore the idea of gifts and what makes something truly precious. They will learn why Christians see Jesus as a special gift to the world and think about the values he represents, such as joy, peace and love. The children will also reflect on what is important in their own lives and discover how people celebrate in different ways.

Science

This half term, the children will explore different materials and their properties. They will learn to identify, describe, and compare everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock by observing how each one looks and feels.



DT

The children will explore how sliders, levers and pivots can be used to create moving pictures and models. They will design their own product and then use tools and materials to bring their ideas to life. Finally, the children will evaluate their creations, thinking about how well their models work and how they could be improved.

History

The children will travel back to 1666 to discover how the Great Fire of London started, spread, and changed the city forever. They will explore what life was like then compared to now, using maps, pictures, and artefacts to spot differences and similarities. Through role play, timelines, and creative activities, they will learn about key figures like Samuel Pepys and how London was rebuilt after the fire.

Enriching School Curriculum: Odd socks day Monday 10th November (Antibullying week), Pantomime visit 15th December 2025, KS1 Christmas performance 8th December (pm), 9th December (am)