

## English

In English the children will be exploring the fictional text 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and exploring a text for 'The Great Fire of London'. They will focus on character description and the use of conjunctions and adjectives. They will also be investigating and writing instructional texts using present and past tense correctly. Children will learn about time connectives in their work about 'The Great Fire of London' and finally write a recount of the events.

## Geography

We will carry out a small study of the local area and draw simple features of a map. We will also learn and use symbols and compass points to create a map. We will look at aerial perspectives and locate landmarks.

## PSHE

The topic for this half term is 'being me in my world'. The children will explore hopes and fears, responsibilities and rights, rewards and consequences.

## Art

Our topic is going to be self-portraits followed by colour mixing. We will explore the work of Piet Mondrian through creating flowers basing the colour of them on primary & secondary colours and light and dark shade. We will print poppy pictures using a variety of materials. We will use the 'Great Fire of London' as inspiration for our artwork.

## Mathematics

In maths the children will continue to build on their place value knowledge and extend their understanding of the hundred square. They will begin to develop strategies and skills for addition and subtraction using 2-digit numbers through reasoning activities. We will also be extending our knowledge of shape, space and measure. They will apply these skills in everyday problem-solving activities.

## Year 2

# Autumn Term 2021

## Jack & the Beanstalk

## Great Fire of London

## Physical Education

The children will be mastering running, jumping, throwing, catching, balance, agility and co-ordination through a series of individual, paired and team activities.

## Music

In music the children will be listening to live and recorded music about Jack and the Beanstalk. They will learn the difference between performances and compose their own musical piece. We will use Kapow to teach children about pitch, tone, rhythm and tempo.

## Science

The children will recap their understanding of living, non-living and never lived through practical activities in the eco garden. Our main topic will be 'Plants'. The children will be growing beanstalks to see what living things need to survive. They will observe the growth of a crocus bulb to investigate the life cycle.

## Computing

The children will be learning to use Google Classroom efficiently to organise and store their work. We will be using stop frame animation to animate a bumble bee and show how plants reproduce.

## Design & Technology

We will design and make structured towers. We will also be making healthy magic bean soup and chopping and cooking delicious harvest vegetables. We also make scarecrows using different textiles.

## Religious Education

During this term the children will be learning about the Islamic faith. They will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam and the Prophet Muhammed through Islamic stories and objects.

## How you can help

Please read and share books with your child every night, when possible. Spellings will be assessed weekly so please help your child learn them. We ask that you also help your child with mathematical skills within day-to-day life. For example: adding two items together when shopping, recognising numbers on signs and comparing lengths of objects. Your child may be asked to complete homework tasks related to class topics. You could encourage your child to find relevant books on our topics for them to share in class. You may also have some artefacts, pictures or books of your own that they could bring into school.