

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that any homework given is completed.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

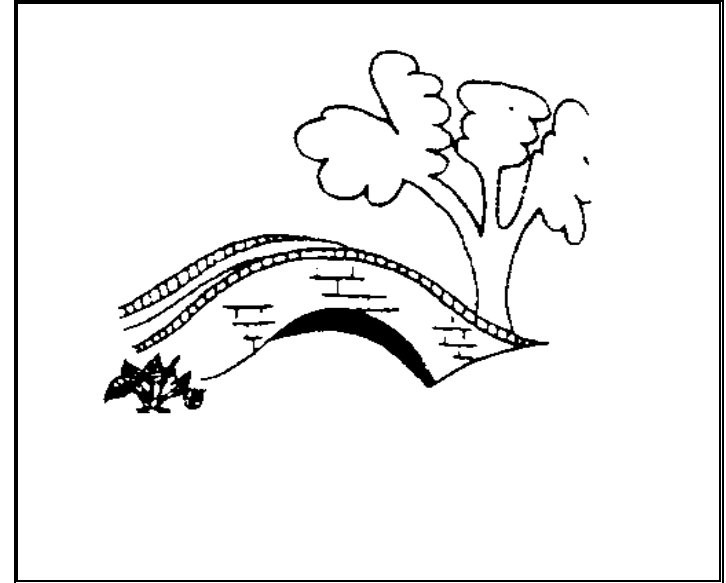
Useful Websites:

[The Great Fire of London - KS1 resources - The Great Fire of London](#)

[The Great Fire of London - BBC Bitesize](#)

[The Great Fire of London Facts - National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#)

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



**Curriculum Information for Parents
Spring Term 2024
Mayfly Class**

English

In our English lessons this term, we will be sharing a number of texts linked to our topic. We will be inspired by London and writing non-fiction texts using facts we have gathered about our capital city. We will also be developing our fiction writing skills through retelling of a story based in London. Next half term, we will have opportunity to explore diary writing, inspired by Samuel Pepys and instructional texts. As well as these text-based activities we will also continue with our daily spelling and handwriting practice, as well as daily guided and individual reading practice.

Mathematics

In our maths lessons we will begin by revising place value of two-digit numbers and then develop our adding and subtracting strategies. We will then look at adding and subtracting 10's and develop our knowledge of groups of 10 (10 x table) before moving on to look at multiples of 5 (5 x table) and learning our doubling and halving facts.

Science

Our topic this term is entitled, 'Materials and their uses'. We begin by identifying common materials being used in our everyday environments. We will then go on to investigate the suitability of materials for particular purposes. Later in the term, we will be exploring how the shape of certain materials can be changed by twisting, bending and squashing. This unit lends itself very well to practical, hands on investigation and is a perfect opportunity to develop our investigative skills.

Humanities

Our topic this term is entitled 'The Great Fire of London'. This is an opportunity to study the reasons for this fascinating significant event and the changes that occurred because of it. It is also an opportunity to find out about a similar event in a similar time period but on a more local scale - The Fire of Wem.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

In our PSHE lessons we will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. We will look at how having a positive mindset can help with motivation and perseverance. In the second half of the term we will look at how we make healthy lifestyle choices as part of the 'Healthy Me' unit of work.

P.E: This term we will have two P.E sessions. One will be developing our gymnastic and dance skills and the other will be an opportunity to develop our ball control and striking skills in order to play a range of team games.

Art and Design

Our art work will be closely linked to our topic and will explore the use of a variety of media in order to depict the fire of London. We will also be developing our observational sketching skills by sketching some of the London landmarks.

Design Technology

Our DT work will be closely linked to our topic work and will be looking at the bread making process. The children will then go to design and make their own small loaf of bread.

Spanish: We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout this term. The children in Year 2 will be continuing to develop their conversational skills, including introducing themselves in Spanish, and moving on to describe parts the body and the weather.

R.E: For this unit we will identify what a parable is and give clear, simple accounts of what these parables mean to Christians. We will investigate how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship (e.g. by saying sorry to God). There will lots of opportunities to think, talk and ask questions about whether we can learn anything from the story for ourselves, exploring different ideas.

Computing: This term the children in Year 2 will start the term by learning about the importance of internet safety. We will then begin to develop some simple word processing skills throughout the term.

Music: We are very fortunate to have continued input from the Shropshire Music Service with Mrs Hawke. She will teach the children about the features of music, such as rhythm and melody and give the children many opportunities to play percussion instruments and learn new songs to sing.