

Stingrays' Topic Overview

Spring Term 1 2015

Fire, Fire!



In **History** we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will learn about when, where and why it started and why it caused so much damage. We will be looking at similarities and differences with fire safety from that time and now. We will be learning about Samuel Pepys and his role in this event and also about what London was like at this time.

In **R.E.** we will be learning about Passover and its significance to the Jewish religion. The children will be learning about customs and traditions from this time and planning a Seder meal. They will make links with what they know about other religions, commenting on similarities and differences.

In **Literacy** we will be writing poems based on 'London's Burning' by following its syllabic structure. We will be learning about using ! ? and . at the ends of sentences during this unit as well as using alliteration to describe. After writing our poems, we will be looking at diary entries and news reports about the Great Fire of London before writing our own of both of these genres of writing, using the information learned during our ICT research and History lessons. We will be concentrating on sentence structure, using good vocabulary and a range of punctuation in addition to the organisational features of different text types. In phonics we will be learning about how spelling changes when adding the -ing and -ly suffixes and how to spell plural words.

In **PSHCE** we will be learning about the importance of setting goals and how to achieve them. We will also be having Circle Times on How to be a good friend.

In **Music** we will be learning to sing songs in rounds. We will be composing pieces of music on instruments and using these to tell a story.

In **PE** the children will be composing gymnastic sequences using different methods of travelling, jumping and body positioning on Monday afternoons. On Wednesdays they will be further developing their multi-skills. Please make sure PE kits are in on these days.

In **Science** we will be learning about everyday materials. We will learning about how cooking changes food and whether or not these changes are reversible or irreversible. We will finish this topic by looking at the changes when making bread, using a recipe from Pudding Lane Bakery.

In **ICT** we will be learning how to use the internet as a research tool. We will be researching the Great Fire of London by choosing key words to search by and will also be learning about reliable sources and how to check for these.

In **Art** the children will be studying different pieces of art work based on the Great Fire of London and how artists have portrayed this event. They will be learning about shades and tints of colours and how to create different ones. They will then be creating their own piece of artwork using colours and silhouettes.

In **Numeracy** we will still be focusing on our number skills. We will be continuing to count on and back from any 2 digit number in steps of 2,5,10. We will be consolidating our work on addition, subtraction and multiplication and starting work on division. We will also be learning about fractions and how these relate to division. For all of the 4 operations we will be using the number line to represent the number sentences and to help calculate.