

RE: We will be exploring our knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to Islam, exploring what it means to be a Muslim through the key question Who is a Muslim and how do they live? Next we will focus on Christianity, exploring the question: Why is Christmas important to Christians? We will explore the Nativity story found in the Gospel of Luke and the concept of incarnation.

Music: Using instruments, computing and our voices we will discover how to combine sounds to create a musical effect. We will also learn how music, dance and drama can combine in storytelling.

Computing: In our computing lessons the children will be exploring algorithms. They will improve on basic computing skills learnt in Year 1, developing skills when using the iPads. We will continue to learn about E-safety. We will also write and test simple programs recording and using a set of instructions.

Maths: In the first half term we will be concentrating on number-starting off thinking about place value and counting in steps of 2,3 and 5. Once we understand what each digit means in a number we can start adding and subtracting! We will use objects, pictures and our thinking skills to solve all sorts of problems. After the break we will focus on money, counting, making amounts in different ways and giving change. Towards Christmas we will start multiplying, learning the facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table and solving problems using materials, arrays, repeated addition and multiplication facts.

Science: Our science this term will involve investigating materials. We will be thinking about their different uses and properties and how some are natural and some are not. We will be thinking about people who have invented materials that we use every day such as Dunlop and Mackintosh. We will be developing our investigation and recording skills when we look at which materials are waterproof. After half term we will be discovering how forces affect materials as well as learning about plastics, recycling and upcycling.

English: We look set to be very busy this term!

Starting off with *The Gruffalo* and leading on to the *Great Fire of London* we will be covering many different areas of learning in our literacy.

The first half term we will be acting out and writing our own *Gruffalo* stories then writing newspaper reports and diary entries about the *Great Fire of London*.

After the break we will be looking more closely at non-fiction texts, writing leaflets and instructions. Closer to Christmas we will be writing *The Christmas story* from different viewpoints. We will also be continuing to learn cursive handwriting and as well as our phonics lessons we will be having special lessons about all the grammar, punctuation and spellings for Year Two.



History: We will be looking at life in the past and how it was different from today by learning the story of the **The Great Fire Of London!** We will use research and timelines, Pepy's and Evelyn's diaries as well as role play, drama and dance. We will link our work in History with learning about London in Geography and writing newspaper reports in Literacy.

Art/ DT Our Art and DT this term will have us being very creative! We will be learning to sketch and plan, mix colours and use different materials to create texture. We will investigate printing and using overlapping shapes. Linking our DT with our science we will be looking at using textiles in all sorts of ways.

Fire! Fire! Fire!
Value: Courage

PE/ Games : The children will be working with our coaches learning about balance, sequencing and working with a partner in gymnastics as well as control and actions in learning to dance. We will be creating our own dance based around the *Great Fire of London*.

PSHE : The first half term we will be thinking about *New Beginnings*-belonging to a community and understanding our emotions. We will look at our British Values and how they link with our school values. We will also explore the question "What does private mean?". After the break we will be thinking about to keep healthy and talking about *Bullying and Getting on* and *Falling Out*-thinking about solving conflict and making each other feel good about ourselves.

