

Class 2 Autumn 1, 2021

Topic: Great Fire of London

Key Areas of Learning



Dear Diary



Samuel Pepys



**Key Vocabulary**

destroyed extinguished flammable/inflammable homeless flames frightened shocked disaster escape fire hooks squirts city rubble diary baker

**Key dates** in the year 1666...

**Sunday 2 September** – Fire starts 1am in a bakery on Pudding Lane.

**Monday 3 Sept** – Fire gets close to Tower of London.

**Tuesday 4 Sept** – St Paul’s Cathedral is destroyed by fire.

**Wednesday 5 Sept** – Wind dies down and the fire slows.

**Thursday 6 Sept** – Fire is extinguished. Thousands are left homeless.

**Key people**

**Samuel Pepys** – wrote a diary when the fire broke out

**Thomas Farriner** – the baker!

**King Charles 11** – On the throne in 1666

In **ENGLISH** we will read lots of fiction and non-fiction texts about the GFL, including the picture story Vlad the Flea and the GFL. We will use drama to retell events and remember key facts. We will create fact files and write a diary entry in the style of Samuel Pepys, using our imaginations and focussing on the past tense. We will also learn about poetry and use our senses to come up with our own verse.

In **MATHS** we begin with Place Value, counting, sorting and comparing numbers to 10 (yr1) and 100 (yr. 2). We will use part whole models, think about Fact Families, and use number bonds to add and subtract. We will also use weight to measure ingredients to bake bread (just like in Pudding Lane) and we will sequence events in chronological order.

In **SCIENCE** we will observe seasonal changes as summer ends and autumn begins, with a focus on the weather (wind, rainfall, and temperature).

In **HISTORY** our topic will help us learn about historical events beyond living memory. We will make a timeline of events and research using books and online sources to distinguish between fact and fiction. We will look at buildings then and now and learn about how firefighters would tackle a blaze today.

**PHONICS**

Year 1s focus on Phases 3,4 and 5a. Year 2s recap Phases 5a and 5b.

**ART**

We will mix colours to make orange, browns and reds and paint pictures of the fire. We will make clay relief houses and seasonal change discs.

**GEOGRAPHY**

We will learn about the UK, its four countries and where London and Carlisle are located. We will also learn about famous London landmarks,

**PE** – This half term it’s all about ball skills, throwing and catching and invasion games. Carlisle United staff join us for one of our two sessions.

**MUSIC**

We will use our voices to practise rhythm and rhyme. We will also learn to sing London’s Burning.

**PHSE**

Our focus this half term is relationships – how to be a good friend and manage emotions.