



Bright Lights, Big City



Year 1
Autumn 2

What a wonderful first half term we had together in year 1!

I hope everybody is ready for the next part of our learning journey as we learn all about the United Kingdom during our topic Bright Lights, Big City!

DON'T FORGET

Bring book bags into school daily - These will be changed Mondays but your child may read any day of the week.

Label all your children's belongings.

Listen to your child read daily.

Please stand back from the door when collecting to ensure we can see each parent clearly.



Take your child on a walk to the local library, register and read some books! Do you know any facts about where you live you could share with your child? Discuss the area and the weather as you walk.





English and History

Paddington bear will visit us and tell us all about his trip to London zoo, we will then take a virtual trip to London Zoo and write letters to the Zoo keepers.

To combine our history topic we will learn of significant events and people in history during our English lessons.

We will retell the story of Dick Whittington and The Great Fire of London.

Using our basic skills of capital letters, full stops and questions marks too.



I am Samuel Pepys, do you know why I am significant?

History

Our research will take us back in time to 1666 during the Great Fire of London, we will learn about Samuel Pepys' diary and how Tom Farriner forgot to 'turn off' his oven.

Geography

Using maps and research, we'll locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom.

ICT

We will learn how to be safe online! We will also learn how to use paint apps to create a self portrait and then type something about ourselves.

PE

See - Move - Avoid

Alternative weeks we will work with teachers and Aston Villa PE coaches to embed Thinking, Social, Emotional and Physical skills. Just a few things we will learn - spatial awareness, problem solving, Co-Co Cooperation, Ricky Resilience and ABC – Agility, Balance and Speed.

Maths

This half term we will learn place value within 20. We will learn to recognize teen numbers, identify one more and one less. We will learn our tens and ones. We will continue to learn about addition and subtraction – being able to identify the symbols.

We will also learn about shape – 2D and 3D

Science

We will learn all about the different seasons. What changes occur during each season, how long the day is per season and how with different seasons, animals may adapt/migrate/hibernate.

Design and Technology & Art

We will design our own house, just like the ones in 1666! We will then use our cutting, painting, gluing skills to create our design. We will then spend some time evaluating our work, looking at what went well and what we could make even better if we wanted to ever create it again

PSHE - Jigsaw

'Celebrating Difference'.

We will look at similarities and differences of each other. It teaches to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and explore the concept of 'normal'; bullying – what it is and what it isn't.

RE

We will learn about the Christian faith and the Christmas story this half term.