Learning Planner

Year 2 topic 2

Why has fire been important in history?

Year 2 will be exploring 'Why fire has been important in history?"

The children will be looking at the events of the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London and discovering the consequences that followed.

Connect & Wonder

We will visit Ford Green Hall and experience what life was like for people during 1666. We will learn about the events of the Great Fire of London and meet the famous diarist Samuel Pepys.

For the Love of Reading

Our story to inspire is 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London.

Vlad the flea narrates this tale about his adventure on the back of his friend, Boxton the rat. They love eating rubbish (Boxton) and biting people (Vlad). Unfortunately, most of the people Vlad bites seem to die of the plague. One night in Pudding Lane they witness the start of the blaze and need to run for their lives. As they dash through the city they see the people fighting to stop the flames and those like the diarist, Samuel Pepys who try to save precious objects. They end their adventure in the fields outside London with the refugees who have lost their homes.

Investigate & Construct

Science: What are living things? (Biology)
Continuing from last half term we will be classifying plants and animals. We will be investigating different habitats and identifying how they support plants and animal needs.

History: Why has fire been important in history?
We will learning about two great historical events involving fire, the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London. We will investigate how these events impact on our lives today.

Art & Design: Is all paint the same?
We will be experimenting with adding paint to different surfaces and the discussing the effects that are achieved. We will be exploring mixing colours on watercolour card to create a picture background in the style of Claude Monet.

PSHE: What is bullying?
We will be discussing how to recognise bullying and who to go to for support if it occurs.

Computing: How can I work out rules for a game?
We will be looking at algorithms and how they are used on digital devices.

R.E.: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
We will talk about the events of the nativity and how it guides the beliefs and actions of Christians at Christmas.

Express & Reflect

Ford Green Hall

Fire Brigade visit

We will create a poster to warn people of the dangers of fire.

Key Vocabulary

London	Guy Fawkes
Parliament	conspirators
King James	plot
plague	Samuel Pepys
flames	disaster
catastrophe	refugees