London's Burning (Year 2)

English

Core Texts
London's Burning – The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis
A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:
Capital letters and full stops
Past and present tense
Statements, questions, commands, exclamations
Conjunctions and adverbials to extend sentences
Adjectives and expanded noun phrases
Use imperative verbs and sequencing words in instructions
Edit and proofread work for clarity, spelling, and punctuation

Non-fiction
Fact files, guides, postcards, diaries, instructions, certificates.

Fiction
Description, speech bubbles, comic strips, persuasive writing, acrostic poems, adventure stories.

Maths

Place Value

• Recognising tens and ones using a place value chart

• Partitioning and writing numbers to 100

• 10s and 1s on a number line

• Compare and order numbers

Addition and Subtraction

• Number bonds to 20 and 100

• Add and subtract 1s and three 1-digit numbers

• Add and subtract across a 10

• Find 10 more and 10 less

• Add and subtract two 2-digit numbers

• Number problems

Shape

• Recognise 2D and 3D shapes

• Count sides and vertices on 2D shapes

• Lines of symmetry

• Count edges and vertices on 3D shapes

Science

Everyday Materials:

• Identify different materials (wood, metal, plastic, glass, rock, paper, fabric).

• Describe the properties of materials (e.g., strong, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, transparent).

• Explore how materials can be changed (squashed, bent, twisted, stretched).

• Investigate which materials are suitable for different uses.

• Learn about natural and human-made materials and how to recycle or reuse them.

Working Scientifically:

• Ask questions and make predictions.

• Perform simple tests and observe closely.

• Record results using drawings, tables, or charts.

• Explain findings using scientific vocabulary.

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RE

Christianity:
Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?
- 10 Commandments
- The Good Samaritan
- The Tax Collector
- The 12 Disciples

Christianity:
Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world
- Looking after the world
- Christmas Preparation
- The Three King's Gifts

Spanish

- My school
- Parts of the body
- Farm and Wild Animals
- Christmas

Geography/History

The Great Fire of London:
- Life in 17th century London, similarities and differences with today
- Key events of the Great Fire of London
- How we know about the past
- Changes in London after the fire
- Significant individuals and their roles in history

The Gunpowder Plot:
- Who was Guy Fawkes
- Problems faced by the plotters and main events of the plot
- What happened to the plotters afterwards
- Performing and retelling the story of the Gunpowder Plot
- How the Gunpowder Plot is remembered today (Bonfire Night)

Art/D&T

London's Burning
Express fire with colour, shape, and line, draw buildings in perspective, design lanterns, paint fire scenes, create mixed media and skyline collages.

London's Landscapes
Trace landmarks, draw London landscapes, design posters, create pictograms, make pop-up books, sketch portraits, and combine images and text creatively.

Trips/Events

- Walk to The Monument & St Paul's Cathedral.
- Whole School Trip - Cinderella at Hackney Empire

PSHE/RSE

Being Me in My World
- Hopes and Fears
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Rewards and Consequences

Celebrating Differences
- Stereotypes
- Bullying
- Standing up for myself
- Diversity
- Celebrating difference

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STEAM

Micro:bit pets

Using a Micro:bit to create a Tamagotchi style pet

- Exploring the features of Micro:bit

- How to make icons on Micro:bit

- How to make music with Micro:bit
- Using conditionals

- Using simple materials and construction techniques to create a Tamagotchi

Re-inventing 15th Century inventions

Computing

Investigating and using the coding blocks in Scratch

Investigating and using the coding blocks in Makecode Micro:bit

Connecting Micro:bit and Scratch

Exploring the Canva media platform

Creating a poster in Canva

Uploading, saving and exporting media

E-Safety

PE

- Football
- Positioning
- Dribbling, shooting and passing
- House matches
- Rugby

Drama/Dance

- Team games

- Improvisation

- Speaking and listening activities

Music

- Every family has an instrument

- Rocking recorders!

Yoga

- Introduction to Yoga - discovering the animal shapes our bodies can make; butterfly, cat and soaring bird.

- Finger touch breath control technique for relaxation and mindfulness.