

The topic we will be covering this term is:
The Great Fire of Gateshead

Literacy

In literacy this term we will be focusing on a range of genres to widen their application of key skills. These will include diary entries, letters, information texts and poetry. We will relate these to our topic 'The Great Fire of Gateshead'.

Maths

This term we will continue to extend your child's knowledge of calculation methods for all four operations. They will also focus on place value and ordering numbers. The children will be encouraged to learn various times tables including counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

Science

In science the children will be looking at the topic of 'Every Day Materials'. Linked to our topic the children will be describing and comparing materials for their suitability for rebuilding the city of Gateshead. They will also find out how the shapes of solid objects will be changed. Children will ask their own questions and gather information to answer questions.

ICT:

Children will always use and develop their knowledge of e safety when using computers. They will be developing their computer skills including word processing and creating basic presentations. They will learn how to change font, size and colour.

Art/ DT

Children will be focusing on their drawing and painting skills. They will create pictures of fire scenes using their skills of mixing paints. They will also be using various materials to draw including pastels and charcoals. Using their knowledge of Materials they will plan and create a new model to represent the cities of Newcastle and Gateshead.

History:

This term the children will be looking at 'The Great Fire of Gateshead'. They will sequence the events on a simple timeline. They will use primary and secondary resources to find out about this disaster.

P.E.

The children will have the opportunity to take part in Football and gymnastic coaching sessions. The children will be building their basic skills to plan sequences of movement with control and agility. They will also take part in various team games such as football, dodgeball and bench ball.

R.E.

The children will be looking at Hinduism, including how they worship and what signs and symbols relate to this religion. They will explore the stories which are important in this religion.

Music

The children will be creating their own piece of music which demonstrates different sounds to represent different thoughts and emotions. They will carefully choose instruments to create sounds to accompany scenes from 'The Great Fire of Gateshead'.

P.S.H.E.:

The children will be revisiting school and classroom expectations. They will be looking at New Beginnings including targets and wishes for the year. They will also do a small topic on 'Keeping Safe' in which the children will focus on Road Safety.

Gentle Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's clothes are fully labelled with their name.
- As the weather is very changeable please ensure all children have suitable clothing for outdoor playtimes each day.
- Children will be able to buy from the tuck shop during morning break every day - (20p on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) (30p on a Tuesday, Wednesday) Water bottles are available at £1.50p.
- Your child needs to have a PE kit in school every Monday morning and left in school on your child's peg. There will be other opportunities to take part in sport related activities during the week. We will send it home frequently to be washed.
- We will be using lots of creative materials to enhance our learning. Please contribute as many boxes, kitchen rolls and yoghurt pots as you can! **(No toilet rolls due to health and safety rules!)**
- We have several trips and visits planned this term so please let your class teacher know if you are available to help on a regular basis. All help is appreciated!
- The school day begins at 8:55am and ends at 3:10pm. If you are running late or need extra childcare we have the afterschool club available, which is £4 for the first hour.

Homework

- Reading folders and homework will be given out on a Friday. These should be returned on a Monday. Please use the reading journal as a way of communicating with us about your child's reading.
- Spellings will be given out each Friday for the children to learn over the week, for a test the following Friday.
- Literacy and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned the following Monday.

Don't Forget ...

We are always here to talk about anything you may be concerned about. Please don't hesitate to come speak with us.

Autumn 2016 Home Links

Year 2



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