

Bright Lights, Big City

Class Two



Summer Term 2021
Curriculum Newsletter

Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right; we're on our way to London!

This term, Class Two will be invited to enjoy tea like the Queen and visit Buckingham Palace online. Using maps and research, locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, and plan routes around London. Our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city. We will learn facts about our Royal Family, write adventure stories, and make moving models of the famous city.

Help your child prepare for their project

Cities are exciting places. Why not visit a local city to spot interesting vehicles, buildings and landmarks? Alternatively, you could search the web for images, information and film clips about London and keep a scrapbook of your findings. You could also visit the local library to see if you can find some colourful books of nursery rhymes and traditional songs to enjoy together.

The main topic focus will be on History, with Literacy and Art playing a supporting role. The key skills will be:

History:	Literacy/Art
Chronological Understanding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I can compare two eventsI can make links between things I have learnt Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">can use names and names of places I have learnt aboutI can use words about periods of time Questioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I can ask questions about what I am learningI can answer questions about what I have learnt Knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I can remember key facts about what I have learnt	Theme: <p>To find out facts about London and learn all about our Royal Family. Explore London and write our own adventure stories. Take a trip back in time to the Great Fire of London.</p> Enquiry: <p>Explore London....What will you discover?</p>



English

This term we will be learning facts about the Royal Family. We will discover where they live and will take a virtual tour around Buckingham Palace on our special Royal Visit.

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Katie in London and will explore interesting sights around the city. develop our writing skills to write adventure stories.

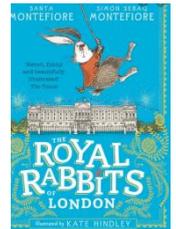
journey back in time to 1666 and London in the past. We will Great Fire of London and will learn our diary writing skills as if we

were part of the disastrous event!

Alongside this we will continue to develop our handwriting and spellings so our writing can be read by ourselves and others.

We will read in a range of contexts daily – including grouped guided reading sessions, reading partner sessions and comprehension challenges.

Our exciting class text this term will consist of a series of books called 'The Royal Rabbits of London' by Santa Montefiore.



Mathematics

This term Year One will be focusing on Multiplication & Division, Fractions and Shape.

- We will be developing our counting skills in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Recognising 'lots of' and 'sharing' and discovering methods to help us.
- Recognise halves and quarters.
- Develop our 2D and 3D shape understanding.

Year Two will be focusing on Fractions and will revise Addition and Subtraction.

- We will be developing our understanding of fractions for halves, quarters and thirds.
- Revising addition and subtraction of one a 2 digit numbers with supporting methods.
- Using our skills to problem solve and explain our understanding.

We will also be revising key facts such as number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and counting forwards and backwards in 1s to 100 or more! We will practise these in our 'quick maths' sessions and it would be great if you would help your child to practice at home too!

Handwriting & Presentation



In all our work in English, Maths and across the curriculum, children will be expected to develop their skills to present work to the high standard. This will be demonstrated to them and will include handwriting tasks as well as activities to improve fine motor control, develop creativity and allow children to experiment with their own ideas for presentation.

RE

This term we will be studying 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' We will explore Judaism and learn about the similarities and differences to Christian lives and beliefs.

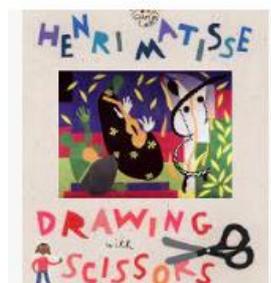
Science – Mrs Strickland will teach your children for Science on a Thursday afternoon where they will learn about Forces and Motion to support us with our understanding in Design and Technology.

Art

We will be exploring collage this term.

The children will revisit previous knowledge and develop their skills with cardboard and paper collage. We will be inspired by a modern artist Phillipe Patricio to recreate London Landmarks and we will look back at Matisse 'Drawing with Scissors'.

We hope to take part in an online artist workshop to support this.



Music

In Music this term, Class Two will explore rhythm and melodies. They will learn some traditional songs which originated in London. They will use percussion and chime bells to recreate some of the melodies.



Computing

We will be developing our computer skills with our new Google Chrome books. The children will learn how to use different programmes effectively. We will explore London through maps and will learn how to create Algorithms to programme routes to visit different landmarks. They will be able to navigate their way around the Chrome books with confidence and will know how to stay safe.

We will all be thinking about On-line Safeguarding at the beginning and end of the term.

PSHE / Citizenship / Learning

Our focus will be on Be Yourself. The children will learn about valuing themselves and others. They will discuss friendships and how to care for one another. We will continue to build our learning power through recognition of our learning attitude and discover ways in which we can become even better learners!

PE - Mr Norton will take your child for PE on a Wednesday afternoon. This term, PE will focus on skills for net & racquet games; striking and fielding games and athletics.



Homework



Children in Year 1 and 2 should be reading for at least 15 or 20 minutes, with support at home each day, in addition to learning spellings and key number facts.