



St. Paul's C.E. Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Overview 2025-2026

Summer 1



English

This half term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London through two different texts, the non-fiction text 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams and the story 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' by Kate Cunningham.



Through the first text we will use the text and illustrations to look at what London was like in 1666 and we will compare it to London today. We will use this information to write a report on London today and in 1666.

Through both texts we will look at the events during the Great Fire of London, the causes behind the fire itself and why it spread so quickly. We will use the illustrations and also a short film called 'Pudding Lane' to gain a better understanding of what life was like in London before and during the fire. We will also look at important people like Samuel Pepys and King Charles II and use our thoughts and interpretations to write a diary entry as if we were there during the fire.

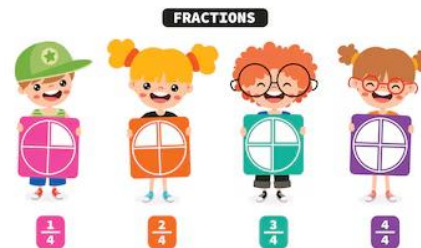
We will finish the unit by writing poems inspired by the fire.



Mathematics

This half term we will be moving on to **fractions**. As part of our work, we will begin by looking at equal and unequal groups and how fractions must have parts that are exactly the same. We will then move on to recognising halves in shapes and groups, we'll then move on to finding halves of quantities and numbers. We will then do the same with thirds and quarters. We will practice using bar models to find fractions of numbers and use this method to find different

fractions of numbers including three quarters.



We will then continue our mathematics journey with TIME! We will be revising telling the time to o'clock and half past as well as learning how to recognise quarter past and quarter to the hour. We will then look more closely at past the hour and to the hour and use this to tell the time in 5-minute intervals. This is a topic the children really



enjoy so feel free to share this with them at home and see if they can tell you what they have learned.

Religious Education

Our focused question this half term is **'What is the 'Good News' that Christians say Jesus brings?'**

In this unit, the children will learn about the concept of 'Gospel' and the good news of forgiveness, peace and love that Christians believe Jesus brings.

We will learn about Matthew the Tax Collector and how Christians believe that Jesus offers forgiveness, looking at their heart rather than what they have done in the past. Pupils will learn about the instructions that Jesus gives in the Bible and how Christians follow his example and these instructions in order to behave in a Christ like way.

Reminders

- PE is on **Monday** and **Thursday**, trainers only on this day. School shoes, not trainers, must be worn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- Reading records are to be returned every day. The pack with the reading book should be returned on a **Wednesday** so the book can be changed. Children can also read their own books from home just write them down in the reading record. Please record every time your child reads then they will get a raffle ticket for the 'snuggle up bag' which is sent out every Friday.
- Library is on a **Thursday**, please make sure your child has their book if they want to change it. They don't have to change every week.

Science

Plants

In science this half term the children will be learning about plants and what they need to grow.



The children will explore and examine different seeds and learn that seeds have

all the necessary parts inside for plants to grow. They will learn what germination is and will investigate that seeds need water and warmth to germinate. Through this investigation the children will learn that light is required for healthy plant growth. We will also sequence the stages of different plant's life cycles and describe the influences humans have on plants in the environment.



History

What is a monarch?



In history, we will be learning about the role of a monarch and how it has changed over time. We will look in detail at the special coronation ceremony for a new king or queen and the steps involved in this.

We will also look at how William the Conqueror became the King of England and will use different sources including the Bayeux Tapestry to look at the events leading to his success. We will also look at the influence William the Conqueror had on castles and how the design of castles changed over time.



PE

Fitness and Basketball

On Mondays our specialist PE coach, Mr. Morrell, will be teaching Basketball. In these lessons the children will develop basic ball control, experiment with different types of sending and receiving, and develop their skills when aiming at a target.



In our lessons on Thursday we will be learning to play Tennis. These lessons will help children develop basic ball and racket control, give them the opportunity to experiment with different types of sending and receiving, and help them develop some success when aiming at a target.



Art

Clay House Tiles

This half term the children will be learning how to mold, manipulate and create sculptures using clay. They will begin by exploring the clay, learning to flatten it and create marks and patterns by indenting different objects into the clay. They will learn to use their fingers and thumbs to mold a pinch pot, and they will learn how to join clay together using slip and scoring. They will complete the unit by creating a clay tile house.

It would be useful if the children could bring in an old shirt or t-shirt to put over their clothes during these lessons.



Music

Structure – Myths and Legends

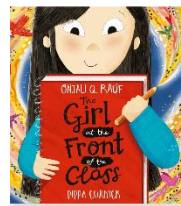
In music the children will be using the story of George and the Dragon to look at how we can create rhythms by using stories. The children will be clapping rhythms to match characters and phrases from the story, as well as learning about different beats and rests and how these can be shown and recorded. They will then learn how to structure and create their own rhythms through clapping.



PSHE

'The Girl at the Front of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf

Our Story Project book this half term is a powerful story about the experience of a young refugee child. It tells the story of Layla who joins Adam's class. Initially, she is very quiet and doesn't want to play. Adam discovers that Layla had to leave her home, her family and toys behind and she is very sad. Through the story the children will learn what a refugee is and what human rights are.



Computing

Creating Media - Stop Motion



Our computing topic this half term is all about stop motion! The children will begin by learning how to take clear photographs as preparation for the unit. They will then learn what animation is by making their own flip books. They will then use a stop motion app to be able to create their own short animation, by taking accurate photographs and moving images slightly each time.

Phonics

Year 2 Spelling Rules

This half term we will be continuing with the Year 2 spelling units. We will spend the first few weeks looking at why we drop the e when adding the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y. We will then move on to why some words end 'ge' or 'dge' and why /j/ can be spelled 'j' or 'g' in different words. We will finish the half term by looking at how the sounds 'w' and 'qu' change the sounds that 'a', 'ar' and 'or' make in some words.