



Fire! Fire!



**Year 2
Autumn Term**

We are very excited to introduce to you our Year 2 topic on The Great Fire of London.

The great fire of London occurred in the year 1666. It destroyed most of London at the time and was the biggest fire in English history. The fire led to new developments in fire safety and house regulations. Samuel Pepys kept a diary about the events of the fire and we will be writing our own diaries in the same style pretending we are caught near the fire.

As part of our learning we will be staging a real fire to demonstrate how quickly the fire spread in the old wooden houses.



As **readers**, we will be using texts to learn about traditional tales. Our texts will include 'Gingerbread Man' and 'Elves and the Shoemaker'.

As **writers**, we will be learning to write instructions and letters using traditional tales or historic events as a stimulus.

As **historians**, we will be learning about an event beyond living memory that is of national significance. We will also learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past.

As **artists**, we will use a range of materials to create artwork based on The Great Fire of London. We will learn about hot and cold colours and different techniques to create shadows.

As **design technologists**, we will be designing and making an appealing product based on the gingerbread man. We will be tasting and evaluating our finished product.

Confident Individuals

Meadowside Representatives

British Citizens

Basic Skills

In our topic we will be writing a diary entry, Children will be taught to perform dances using simple movement patterns. They will learn dances linked to traditional tales and a modern dance to 'fire starter' using ribbons.

Personal Values

We will be learning to be tolerant others cultures and faiths. We will recognise the importance of significant British historical events and recognise the need to support democratic processes.

British Values

(Include here information on which aspects of the 'British Values' will be covered during this topic. The British Values are: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith).



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