GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT

Class 2

Key Area of Learning
HISTORY

GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT!
We will be travelling back in time to find out about the key events and people involved in the Gunpowder Plot. We will discuss the events leading up to the plot and think about why it happened. We will compare the differences and similarities between London and England in the 1600s and today and will talk about how the event is remembered.

Key vocabulary: treason, conspirator, plot, gunpowder, Catholic, religion

ENGLISH

Following on from last half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of sentence structure and punctuation, using the poetry book 'I Love Bugs' by Emma Dodd as our main text. We will think about rhyming words, alliteration and adjectives for description. We will also continue to work hard at our reading, spellings and handwriting.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, the children will be furthering their understanding of Place Value within 100. They will be exploring and comparing numbers using a range of different representations, including number lines, Base 10 and part-whole models.

We will then be moving on to the Geometry topic of 'Shapes', where we will investigate the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes.

SCIENCE

In Year 2 we will be continuing our topic of Living Things and Habitats with an in depth focus on minibeasts and microhabitats. There will be lots of outdoor exploration and presenting our findings. In Year 1 we will be exploring the topic of 'Seasonal Changes', focusing on Autumn and Winter weather and how it affects humans and animals.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Our creative focus this half term will be a DT project based around making stable structures. We will be investigating and making free standing structures out of various materials, culminating in the design and building of a pencil pot. Our project will involve evaluating our models. Will they stand up to our tests for strength and stability?

COMPUTING

Digital Painting: we will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. We will create our own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists such as Mondrian.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE the children be furthering their understanding of Christianity and considering the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'
We will be looking at the parable of the Lost Son and the story of Jonah and thinking about what they teach us about God. We will explore the importance of forgiveness within our own lives.

PSHE

In PSHE children will be continuing their learning about keeping safe, focusing specifically on 'Fire Safety'. We will think about the emergency services and the important jobs that they do. We will also talk about issues such as hoax calls and petty arson which hinder their important work.

MUSIC

Through fairy tales, the children will be introduced to the concept of sound patterns (rhythms), learning that different sounds can represent characters and events in a story. They will explore clapping, chanting and voice dynamics before creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar tale using instruments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In PE this half-term we will be continuing to focus on developing multi-skills, but with a particular focus on team games and our teamwork skills.

VALUES

We have five core values at the heart of everything we do. These are Dignity, Community, Hope, Wisdom and Love. These values are incorporated into our Collective Worship and each one is focused on in turn during the school year. This half term our focus is community.