

### Theme

During terms 1 and 2, we will be learning about **The Great Fire of London** to help us answer the big question, **‘Do all changes improve our lives?’**

### Hook

Great Fire of London theatre show provided by ‘Trunk Theatre’

In **history**, we will be developing the historical skills of chronology, enquiry, knowledge and interpretation.

In **science**, we will be finding out about the characteristics and uses of everyday materials.

In **computing**, we will be learning about what IT is, as well as some basic programming skills.

In **music**, we will be studying London-themed songs, as well as music and instrumentation dating back to Tudor times.

In **RE**, we will be exploring the following questions: ‘How should we care for others and the world?’ and ‘Why does it matter?’

In **PSHE**, we will be focusing on the following questions: ‘What helps us to stay safe?’ and ‘How do we recognise our feelings?’

In **DT**, we will be creating Tudor carts using axels and wheels.

## Year 2 - Terms 1 and 2

# Discover **‘Do all changes improve our lives?’**

### Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

In terms 1 and 2, we will focus on character descriptions, recounts, diaries, poetry, letter writing, handwriting and the following GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling):

- Common exception words (tricky words)
- Letter formation
- Full stops and capital letters
- Word classes (nouns, verbs and adjectives)
- Coordinating conjunctions
- Question marks and exclamation marks

### Mathematics

- Number and place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Properties of shapes

All of our maths lessons will include opportunities to explore problem solving, reasoning and fluency.

### This Term’s Values

Term 1 - Determination with Self-Belief

Term 2 - Respect and Kindness

### PE

In outdoor PE this term, the children will be learning travelling, attacking and defending skills to enable them to participate in football and rugby lessons. In indoor PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics and multi skills.

### PE Days

Indoor - **Maple and Rowan** = Thursdays

Outdoor - **Maple** = Tuesdays **Rowan** = Wednesdays

*Please ensure your child’s named PE kit (including tracksuit, shorts, T-shirt and trainers) is kept in school throughout the term.*

### Save the Date

16th October: Individual and sibling photos

12th & 14th November: Parent consultations

25th November: Staff development day

3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas show productions

9th December: Discover exhibition/book share

### Home Learning

- Weekly Spellings will be set using Teams on Fridays and will be tested on the following Friday.
- Daily reading - the children will receive new reading books on a Tuesday and Friday if finished.
- Maths – Numbots and times tables.