English (Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening)

Children will be developing their English skills through the use of books in familiar settings as well as using the Zog books to help us learn about The Great Fire of London. Children will study various punctuation skills such as capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. Year 2 children will be introduced to commas in lists and apostrophes for contractions. Children will learn grammatical terminology such as adjectives, nouns and verbs and will learn how to use these in their work. Year 2 children will be encouraged to use adverbs with increasing accuracy. Children will be given weekly spelling tests so please help them to learn their spellings. Practising handwriting to make sure they are forming their letters correctly would also be extremely beneficial. Please try to hear your child read at least 3 times a week.

History

The children will explore some of the ways that London has changed since the time of the Great Fire of London. They will find out about the reasons behind how and why the fire started and the damage that it did to London. We will also learn facts about The Gunpowder Plot.

PE

Pupils will develop athletics skills this term, learning how to co-ordinate their bodies and improve stamina. Later in the term we will have a dance unit, where the pupils will move to music, copy dance moves and learn how to move around the space safely. Most PE lessons will be on **Fridays** with Amber Valley School Sports Partnership.

PSHE

The children will learn about class and school rules and investigate relationships and friendships by learning how to be a good friend and behaving appropriately. They will also learn ways of keeping themselves healthy through eating carefully and hygiene.

Science

The children will explore different materials and their properties, testing them for suitability for different purposes. Then we will focus on the best material for rebuilding London after the Great Fire. They will also study the changes in season from Summer to Autumn and from Autumn to Winter.

Maple Class

BEYOND LIVING MEMORY

Did Zog start the Great Fire of London?

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RE

The pupils will learn more about Judaism and how Jewish people live their lives. We shall be exploring several important key facts about Judaism to enable pupils to gain a deeper understanding of a different religion.

Mathematics

Both Years 1 & 2 will be following the Power Maths units.

Year 1 will begin with numbers to ten before moving onto addition and subtraction. Later in the term they will study 2D and 3D shapes and then numbers to 20.

Year 2 will begin with numbers to 100 then move onto addition and subtraction. Later in the term they will study a unit on money before moving onto multiplication and division.

All Year 2 children have a Times Table Rock Stars log in – please email class2@breadsall.derbyshire.sch.uk if you've forgotten your child's details. Y1 will get theirs shortly.

Art & Design

Pupils will explore different artists. They will develop their skills to create a Great Fire of London scene. They will also do some firework art and Christmas craft.

Computing

Children will work through two units in Computing this term: Computing systems and networks, where they will discover more about the IT that is around us and used frequently; and Creating Media, where they will explore digital pictures and photography.

Design & Technology

The children will explore different types of houses as well as looking at the building materials. They will make a Tudor-style house from cardboard and paper before adding tissue paper flames to recreate a Great Fire of London scene.

Music

Pupils will learn to follow the pulse of a song as well as comparing pieces of music and commenting on them. They will use percussion instruments to accompany a piece of music.