

Topic overview – Year 2/3 (CYCLE A)

	Autumn 2
Topic name	The Great Fire of London
Big question	How has the Great Fire of London impacted our lives today?
Linked books	Vlad and the Great Fire of London Toby and the Great Fire of London The Great Fire of London – Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis
Memorable experience	The Great Fire of London experience day
Outdoor learning	Recreating the Great Fire of London.
Reading aims	Listen to and discuss texts. To apply phonic knowledge and skills to decode words. Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.
Writing aims	Children will: -Increase legality, consistency and control of handwritingDevelop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing through these pieces of writing: Diary entries (recount) – Linked to Vlad and the Great Fire - Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops - Past tense - Subordination (when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (or, and, but) - Commas in a list Poetry – Linked to fire - Figurative language - Discuss the effectiveness of others' writing - Perform with expression and intonation Instructions – Linked to the Great Fire of London - Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops - Sentence types (statement, question, command and exclamation) - Word classes (verbs and adverbs) - Expanded noun phrases
Speaking & listening aims	Ask questions to support their understanding of texts and current class topics. Read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. Use strategies to build their vocabulary such as phonetic knowledge.
Maths aims	Year 2 Addition and Subtraction Children will: - Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, written methods and mentally Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems. Multiplication and Division -Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including recognising odd and even numbersCalculate multiplication and division number sentences and write them using the relevant symbols.



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	-Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order and division of one
	number by another cannotSolve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated
	addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts.
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	Addition and Subtraction -Add and subtract numbers with up to three digits using formal written methods of
	column addition and subtraction.
	-Estimate the answer to a calculation and use the inverse operation to check their
	answers.
	-Solve problems, including missing numbers problems using number facts, place value
	and more complex addition and subtraction. Multiplication and Division
	-Recall and use the multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
	-Write and calculate multiplication and division number sentences using the
	multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit
	numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.
	-Solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division.
	Living Things and Their Habitats (continuation of Autumn 1)
	Children will:
	-Explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and things
	that have never been aliveIdentify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe
Science aims	how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and
science units	plants, and how they depend on each other.
	-Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including
	microhabitats.
	-Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.
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	Children will:
	-Use sources to find information about the past.
History aims	-Use a timeline to understand events that happened in the past.
	-Recount some facts about a historical person or eventExplain what life was like during The Great Fire of London.
	-Identify how The Great Fire of London has impacted our lives today.
Geography	·
aims	Not covered explicitly during this topic.
DT aims	Covered within a different term/topic.
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Art and design aims	Sculpture and 3D - Clay houses Children will learn:
	-To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
	-To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture,
	line, shape, form and space.
	-To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
	-About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the
	differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.
	-To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences
	and imagination.
Music circs	Children will use their voices expressively and creatively with increasing accuracy,
Music aims	fluency and control in the context of their Christmas performance and singing.



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Computing aims	Digital Literacy (E-Safety) To identify the effects that the internet can have on people's feelings. (Year 3, Lesson 3 – When being online makes me upset) Computing Systems & Networks Year 2 Autumn 1 What is a computer? (5 lessons) Children will learn to: -Recognise the parts of a computerRecognise how technology is controlledRecognise technologyCreate a design for an inventionUnderstand the role of computers.
PSHE aims	Citizenship Children will learn: - To begin to understand the roles people have in the community (Year 2: Lesson 3 – Our local environment) - To understand the groups that make up the community (Year 3: lesson 4 – Local community groups) - To recognise similarities and differences between people in the local community (Year 2: Lesson 5 – Similar yet different – my local community) - To understand that charities care for others and how people can support them (Year 3: Lesson 5 – charity) - To begin to understand how democracy works in school (Year 2: Lesson 6 – School council) - To begin to understand how democracy works in the local area (Year 3: Lesson 6 – local democracy) - To understand ways to share an opinion (Year 2: Lesson 7 – giving my opinion) Anti-Bullying week - how to identity bullying, the different forms of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied - how to safely stand up for themselves and others
PE aims	Tag Rugby (4 weeks) Dodgeball (3 weeks) Children will: -Improve the way they coordinate and control their bodies and a range of equipment remember, repeat and link combinations of skillsBe able to choose, use and vary simple tacticsBe able to recognise and describe what their bodies feel like during different types of activity, they will know and describe the short term effects of different exercise activities on the bodyBe able recognise good quality in performance and use information to improve their work.
RE aims	Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (1.3) Digging Deeper Children will learn: - to recognise that Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story' of the Bible to tell the story of the birth of Jesus and recognise the link with Incarnation — Jesus is 'God on Earth' to give at least two examples of ways in which Christians use the nativity story in churches and at home; for example, using nativity scenes and carols to celebrate Jesus' birth to think, talk and ask questions about the Christmas story and the lessons they might learn from it: for example, about being kind and generous.
Foreign language aims	French Children in Year 3 will learn: -To name school equipment and to say what they haveTo understand classroom instructions and know what an imperative isTo count up to 12, say their age and ask someone's ageTo say the days of the week and months of the year.