

Bright Lights, Big City – Year 1 and 2

English

The children will be writing for a range of purposes this term based around the theme, including narrative, a non-fiction fact file on London, and poetry. They will also be reading 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew and 'Paddington at the Palace' by Michael Bond.

Design and Technology

The children will be learning about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move. They will then design and make a model of a London taxi before evaluating their design.

Science

Holly Blues will explore how seasonal changes in weather affect plant growth, tree cycles, and animal behaviours. We will learn how trees bloom in spring, shed leaves in autumn, and how animals adapt through migration, hibernation, or changes in diet. Through observation and inquiry, we will gain a deeper understanding of how these natural cycles influence ecosystems and the environment throughout the year.

PE

This term, we will be focusing on skills within invasion games, including basketball, football and hockey. We will also be learning dance.

History

The children will learn about the 'Great Fire of London' as a significant historical event in British history. They will be able to explain what caused the fire and the impact that it had on London.

PSHE

Holly Blues will complete the units 'Caring for the Wider World' and 'Jobs in our Community'.



Geography

This term, we will be naming and locating the four countries of the UK and the capital cities. We will be identifying human and physical features of cities and creating a map of our local area. We will learn all about London and plan a visit. We will also be learning about seasonal weather changes.

RE

This term, the children will be exploring what Jesus taught us about God in his parables within the Christian faith and devotion to deities within the Hindu faith.

Maths

We will start with addition and subtraction within 100, including adding and subtracting 1s and 10s. We will then extend our understanding of our 2s, 5s and 10s within multiplication and division. The following half term, we will measure, order and compare length and height. Then, we will learn how to create tally charts, draw and interpret pictograms.

Computing

This term, we will explore how data and opinions are collected and organised, linking to math concepts- data handling. We will develop skills in creating and debugging algorithms. We will learn about data visualisation, pattern recognition, and how to work with databases.

Art and Design

This term, the class will explore the themes of rain and sunrays. We will be using techniques like watercolour, pastels, and collage. We will experiment with blending colours, layering, and creating depth to capture the soft movement of rain and the warmth of different primary and secondary colours.

Music

This term, we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose a song. We will also listen to and appraise classic Rock songs.