



Essential Knowledge

By the end of this unit children will...

- Recognise and explain why The Great Fire of London happened and the changes that occurred as a result.
- Identify differences between ways of life of people at the time of the fire, compared with today.
- Compare two versions of reports of The Great Fire.
- Compare pictures documenting the fire.
- Discuss reliability of pictures/ accounts/stories. (Perception and judgement).
- Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the fire on the basis of simple observations.
- Ask perceptive questions to form a line of enquiry.
- Can orally retell the main episodes of The Great Fire in the correct order and write captions to accompany sequenced pictures.



Intent

- To recognise and explain why The Great Fire of London happened and the changes that occurred as a result.
- Identify differences between ways of life of people at the time of the fire, compared with today.

Implementation

- Use various sources– observe or handle sources to answer questions about the fire on the basis of simple observations.
- Ask the children perceptive questions to form a line of enquiry.

Impact

At the end of the unit we will:

- Ask the children perceptive questions to form a line of enquiry about the Great Fire of London
- The children can orally retell the main episodes of The Great Fire in the correct order and write captions to accompany sequenced pictures.

Core Subjects:

Links to theme

English

- Read diary extracts of Samuel Pepys.
- Compare two different versions of the Great Fire of London.
- To sequence events of the Great Fire of London.
- To create interesting and lively report on the Great Fire of London.
- Explain what you would save in a fire.

Mathematics

- Practice and develop measurement skills when designing and making the memorial.

Science

- To sort materials using their properties to find out which materials would be best to build with.
- To explore the effects of heat on different materials used for buildings during the Great Fire.

Diamond Class-London's Burning: Knowledge Content

Personal Development

Spiritual

- Express their feelings about the Great Fire.
- Discuss their values and personal opinions.

Moral

- Children discuss what they would save from a fire.
- Children understand and are reassured about how we are protected from fire today.

Social

- Children will work collaboratively.
- To understand how to respond in the event of a fire.

Cultural

- Children explore how the fire altered many important aspects of life and culture in Britain.

Foundation Subjects

History, Geography and Citizenship

History:

- Compare different versions of the Great Fire of London.
- Use picture of the Great Fire of London to establish why the fire spread.
- To understand what happened as a result of the Great Fire of London.
- To compare differences in London, before and after the Great Fire.
- Children can use a variety of different sources of evidence to ask and answer questions about the Great Fire of London.

Geography:

- To locate London on a map.

Art and Design and Design Technology

Art:

- To create a collaborative picture in pastels of the Great Fire of London.

Design and Technology:

- To design a monument as a memorial.

Music, Languages and Physical Education

Music:

- To create a short piece of music to tell the story of the Great Fire of London.

Computing

- To research The Great Fire of London using a search engine.
- To create the story of The Great Fire of London, through animation, including music and illustrations.

Diamond Class-London's Burning: Links to National Curriculum Framework Skills

Core Subjects:

English

- To distinguish between fact and opinion.
- To read diary entries.
- To compare versions of the same event.
- To identify vocabulary and literary features of a diary.
- Use dictionaries to find meaning of unfamiliar words.
- To write a diary entry.
- To sequence events to retell a story.
- To use hot seating to develop ideas.
- To write a recount.
- To write an explanation.

Mathematics

- Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height (m/cm).

Science

- To sort and compare materials using their properties.
- To investigate what happens to materials when they are heated.

Foundation Subjects

History, Geography and Citizenship

History:

- To ask simple questions about the past.
- To use a source to ask questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.
- To find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information.
- Use a primary source to answer questions about the past.
- To compare different versions of the past.
- To review cause and effect of events in history.
- To identify differences before and after an event.

Geography:

- To use maps, pictures and internet as sources of information.

Art and Design and Design Technology

Art:

- To explore the differences and similarities within the work of artists in different times.

Design and Technology:

- To label drawings to communicate a design and evaluate work.

Music, Languages and Physical Education

Music:

- To recognise and explore how sounds can be combined and used expressively.

Computing

- To explore a website to find information.
- To use online resources independently, safely and responsibly.
- To use animation software to create a short film, including music and illustrations.

Diamond Class-London's Burning: Core Skills/ Assessment Opportunities

Core Subjects

English

- Children can distinguish between fact and opinion.
- Children can write in the style of a diary, using vocabulary and literary features.
- Children can use dictionaries to find meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Children can write a diary entry including feelings.
- Children can sequence events to retell a story using connectives.
- Children write a recount including facts.
- Children write an explanation.

Mathematics

- Children can complete challenges linked to maths quests.
- Children demonstrate that they use appropriate, standard units to measure length/height.

Science

- Children can identify what materials would be the best for a building using their knowledge of properties.
- Children show an understanding of how materials react when heated.

Foundation Subjects

History, Geography and Citizenship

History

- Children can use a variety of sources to identify how the Great Fire spread.

Geography

- Children can locate London on a map in relation to other main cities.

Art and Design and Design Technology

Art

- Children can use artwork as a reference to create their own work using pastels.
- Children demonstrate their ability to create light, shade and blend colours using pastels.

Music, Languages and Physical Education

- Children demonstrate that they can create a piece of music including a beginning a middle and an end.

Computing

- Children can create a piece of animation with sound and illustrations.