



Millbrook Primary School

Year Two Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn One 2026

Mrs O'Brien & Miss Wynne

English		Maths	
In English, we will be reading <i>Vlad and the Great Fire of London</i>. We will use the exciting text to transport ourselves back to London in 1666, where we will explore the sights, sounds and experiences of the Great Fire before writing our own historical narratives. We will also investigate how the Great Fire may have started in Thomas Farriner's bakery, using our learning to write an explanation text about how the fire spread.		In Maths this half term, we will be developing our understanding of place value up to 100. We will explore how numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones and represent numbers in different ways. We will then build our confidence with addition and subtraction within 100, exploring a range of methods and strategies to solve calculations and explain our mathematical thinking	
Reading		Science	
This Autumn term in Phonics, we will continue to follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme, with a particular focus on revisiting and securing Phase 5, building on the learning from Year One. We will revisit previously taught GPCs and alternative pronunciations and spellings to strengthen the children's confidence when reading and spelling unfamiliar words. The children will practise applying their phonics knowledge to blend words accurately, read with increasing fluency and develop automaticity.		In Science this half term, we will be exploring materials and their properties. We will use our senses to observe, describe and compare different materials, developing our scientific vocabulary along the way. We will learn to use words such as hard, soft, smooth, rough, shiny, dull, stretchy, stiff, waterproof, absorbent, transparent and opaque to describe what we observe. We will carry out simple investigations and begin to think like scientists by asking questions, making observations, comparing materials and recording our findings.	
Art		History	
This half term in Art, we will be exploring the theme 'This Is Me'. We will develop our drawing and sketching skills by exploring different techniques to create our own self-portraits. We will look carefully at facial features, shapes, proportions and details, learning how to use different lines, marks and shading to represent ourselves. We will		In History this half term, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. We will travel back in time to explore what London was like in 1666, including how people lived, the types of houses they lived in and what the city looked like. We will investigate what happened during the Great Fire, why it spread so quickly and the devastating effects it had on London and its people. We will use a range of historical sources, including	



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experiment with a range of sketching techniques, developing confidence in using pencils and other drawing materials.		pictures, maps and eyewitness accounts, to help us understand the events.	
Religious Education		Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)	
Is it possible to be kind to everyone all the time? This enquiry will encourage the children to explore what kindness means and why it is important. We will investigate how Christians might follow Jesus' example of showing kindness, love and compassion towards others, including people who may be different from them. We will also explore how kindness, forgiveness, respect and caring for others can help us to build positive relationships within our school and wider community.		This autumn term in PSHE, we will be exploring the theme "Being Me in My World". The children will develop their understanding of who they are, what makes them special and how they belong to different groups and communities. We will talk about our rights and responsibilities, how we can contribute positively to our classroom and school, and why it is important to listen to and respect the feelings, ideas and opinions of others.	
Spanish		Physical Education	
In Spanish, The children will build their understanding of key Spanish vocabulary and simple phrases, practising accurate pronunciation and beginning to respond to simple questions and instructions. We will encourage the children to listen carefully, repeat and recall new vocabulary and use Spanish independently in familiar contexts.		In PE this half term, the children will be developing their ball skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. They will practise rolling, throwing, catching, bouncing, kicking and controlling a ball, developing their coordination, balance and movement skills.	
Computing		Music	
In Computing this half term, we will be exploring the question 'What is a computer?' The children will develop their understanding of what a computer is and how computers are used in everyday life. They will identify different types of computers and explore the different parts of a computer, including the keyboard, mouse, screen and other input and output devices.		The children will develop their musical skills through singing, listening, performing and composing, exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will learn and perform songs, keeping a steady beat and joining in with repeated rhythmic patterns. The children will also explore different instruments and begin to create and perform their own musical ideas, developing their confidence and ability to respond to music.	
Key Dates			
Book Bonanza- Every Tuesday - 3:00pm Parent's Evening- 20th and 21st October			



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