

Science. We will learn about animals, including humans, and what their basic needs are for survival. We will also find out how living things are suited to their habitats and investigate what living things we can find around our school. The children will also describe how animals get their food by creating food chains. We will also look at how materials change when they are heated as part of linking science to our topic.

Geography The children will explore maps of Newcastle. They will locate the bridges over the River Tyne and plot the route of the Tyne, from its source to the mouth. Using photographs from the past, they will think about the changes on the Quayside, in relation to buildings and jobs. Children will also look at world maps to plot the origins of fire myths.

History The Great Fire of Newcastle and local history will be the main focus for this half term but the children will also learn about the origins of fire, fire myths and the early uses of fire from Stone Age times. The children will use a variety of historical resources, including photographs, to research the fire and to find out about the causes and consequences of the fire. They will also sequence events on a timeline. Using the information gathered, the children will role-play as people from the fire, write diary entries as a child at the time of the fire and write a newspaper report on the Great Fire. The children will also learn key facts about the Great Fire of London and what life was like in the past.

Trip - We are planning a trip to Newcastle Quayside on Tuesday 4th July for class 6 and Thursday 6th July for class 5- parent helpers would be very welcome.

Spanish - this half term the focus will be on learning all about food and hobbies. Children will learn through games, songs and a series of practical activities.

Goodness Gracious, Great Balls of Fire!



PSHCE The children will be learning about fire safety and the people who can help us in emergencies. They will look at how although fire can be dangerous, it is also useful. ICT lessons they will design a fire safety poster.



RE This term, Year 2 will work to gain an understanding of special books. They will think about those books that they think are special and move on to thinking about the books that are important to the many different religions we have studied this year.

Art and DT The children will use mixed techniques to create a "Great Fire of London" picture. They will use charcoal and chalk to create the Tudor style houses and then, using shades of orange, yellow and red, create flames from tissue paper. The children will also create a piece of art work inspired by the work of Lowry which will be available for you to see during informal parents afternoon.

ICT The Internet will be used to research changes in Newcastle and to support topic work, as well as other curriculum areas. The children will learn how to program and operate a variety of computer generated 'toys', including roamers. The children will become "rescuers" when they learn how to control, write and test routes and look at maps to provide a quick escape route from the school and other buildings. Finally the children will record voice overs for their own fire safety advert. This will have strong links with literacy as children will also write and perform their own scripts.

Music We will make our own instruments using different materials and compose our own music using these! We will also be continuing our work using the Charanga music programme focusing on notation, staves, clefs and pitch.

