Year 2, Term 2

How do we know about the Great Fire of London?

Programme of study

Children learn about an important event in history and a famous person Samuel Pepys. They begin to develop a sense of the passing of time and they consider why the Great Fire happened; it's results; and the different ways it is represented.

End of Year Expectations

Pupil should be taught about:

 events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (e.g. the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries)

Vocabulary

- words associated with buildings timber framed, plaster, thatch, church, abbey, cathedral, rebuilt
- words associated with fire flames, roaring, sparks, smoke, belching, rampaging, charred, burned, ruined, destroyed, saved
- expressions describing reasons and results because, reason, result, effect
- words associated with the passing of time a very long time ago, began, first, next, then, after, at last, finally
- words associated with sources of information eyewitness, diary, first-hand, woodcut
- words associated with the Plague Black Death, disease, rash, boils, quarantine

Learning Intentions

Children should learn:

- Where the Great Fire broke out.
- When the fire happened
- Place the Fire of London on a time line showing periods in English history.
- Why the fire broke out
- About the main events of the fire
- About the results of the fire
- Why the fire ended
- To sequence the events correctly
- Why the fire spread so far for so long
- What makes cities safer from great fires today?
- How we can use artefacts to support our historical understanding
- The importance of Samuel Pepys to history
- Why the Plague spread in London.
- The results of the Plague.
- Why the Plague ended