



The Innovators – Spring Term 2023 - 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you will find the following information helpful to you for the Spring term.

Below is a summary of our learning during last term.

Our class news for last half term

Last half term the topic was all about growing and changing. Through this topic we were able to dive into many texts both fiction and non-fiction such as: Tad, the story of a tadpole and his journey into becoming a frog, Jack and the Beanstalk, After the fall: how humpty dumpty got back up again.

We also looked at transport old and new and how transport has changed through time. The children found it fascinating to see how people travelled in the 'olden days'.

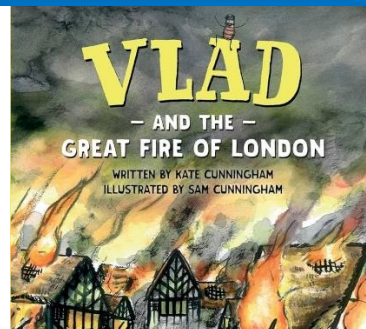
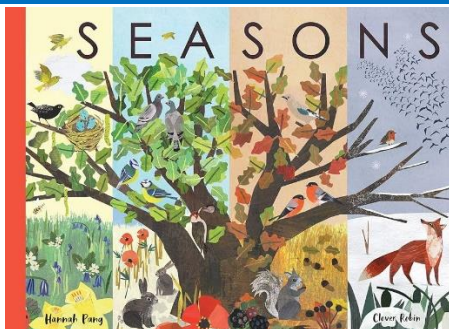
Of course, the children were also very excited about Christmas being so close! So, we planned a trip to the local church Saint Catherine Church where we learned all about why we give gifts at Christmas and explored how the stables will have looked when Jesus was born. This linked very nicely into the Christmas Nativity which the children worked very hard on and they were amazing!

Below is what we will be doing during Spring Term 2023 – 2024.

ENGLISH

What will be covered this term: Spring 1 topic focuses for English are Seasons (which links to our Science topic). In this topic the children will be writing an informative piece about a sycamore tree and how it changes through the seasons. Another topic being looked into for English is the great fire of London 1666 (which links to our History topic). In this topic the children are going to read Vlad and the great fire of London and will be creating their own diary entry from Vlad's point of view of the great fire of London. The children will dive into both fiction and non-fiction writing which will support them in their independent pieces of writing.

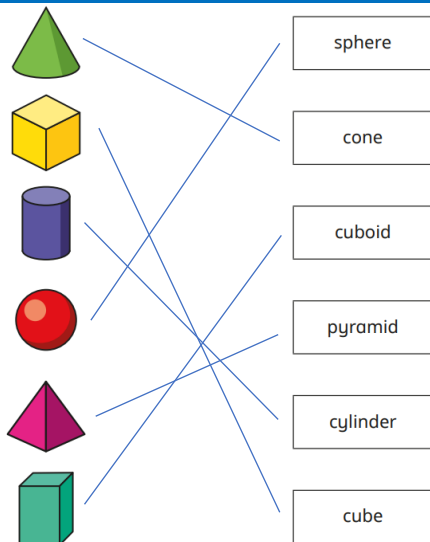
Our spring 2 topic focus will be belonging and children's rights. During this half term the children will divulge into many stories that link to this topic including: Sulwe, Elmer, NO-BOT, Knuffle bunny and many others.



MATHS

What will be covered this term: During this half term the children have already covered geometry where we have looked in depth at 2D shapes and common 3D shapes as well as shapes in our environment. Many other topics will be covered during the spring term going forward such as place value within 20 (including addition and subtraction) which will lead year 1 into place value within 50, length and height and finally mass and volume. The children are currently beginning to

explore place value within 20 where they have had the opportunity to work with base ten and exchanging ones for tens when reaching 20.



Complete the sentences.

17 has **1** ten and **7** ones.

18 has **1** ten and **8** ones.

19 has **1** ten and **9** ones.

TOPIC

What will be covered this term: The main topic for Spring 1 is the great fire of London. The children have already began looking at living conditions in 1666 and how the great fire started. The lessons that will be covering this topic are English, History, Art and Forest school. Another topic that is covered in Spring 1 is seasons. The children have been looking at the sycamore tree and how it changes through each season and which kind of animals use it for shelter, food ect.

For Art this half term the children will also be recreating the great fire of London using different media such as paint and chalk. The linked artist is Ron Embleton.

Spring 2 will be focusing on belonging and children's rights. More information on this topic and what will be covered will be shared closer to the time.

London in 1666
Both
London today

Great fire of London Collage

Link Artist: Ron Embleton

What can you see here?

How is the tree changing in each picture?

Lesson 1: Talk task