



Bright Lights, Big City

Year 1's Curriculum Newsletter

Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right, we're on our way to London!

This half term, we'll take tea with the Queen and visit Buckingham Palace online. Using maps and research, we'll locate Buckingham Palace, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom. Our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city.

At the end of our project, we'll share our skills and knowledge with you and will even be sending the Queen an envelope full of things that we have learnt. Our class will tell well-known stories about London and share traditional British songs and nursery rhymes.

ILP focus	Geography
English	Goldilocks – Intruder, Poetry – pattern and rhyme,
Geography	Directions, maps, countries, capital cities, human geography
Computing	Finding images using the web, to create a virtual tour of Buckingham Palace.
D&T	Model making, mechanisms
History	The Great Fire of London
Mathematics	Maths - Subtraction within 10, positions, numbers to 20, addition and subtraction within 20.
PE	Performing dance using simple pattern movements.
Music	Traditional songs and nursery rhymes
PSHE	Citizenship
Science	Everyday materials
RE	Diwali and Christmas
Rights Respecting	Global Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Help your child prepare for their project

Cities are exciting places. You could search the web for images, information and film clips about London and keep a scrapbook of your findings. You could also visit the local library to see if you can find some colourful books of nursery rhymes and traditional songs to enjoy together.



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Year 1 notices:

We are celebrating World Children's Day on the 20th November

World Children's Day is UNICEF's global day of action for children, by children.

It's a fun day with a serious message, as this year it marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Convention sets out the rights of children, such as the right to healthcare, education, clean water, protection from violence – and the right to have their say in decisions that affect them.

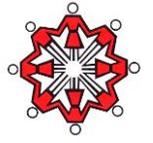
We are marking the day with special lessons and by asking all children to wear blue to show their support for children's rights around the world.

As we prepare for World Children's Day, we are also asking families to donate to the Sparkhill Food Bank, who do vital work supporting those families hit by the recession and poverty. Food boxes will be presented by our Rights Respecting School Council on World Children's Day.

Donations of dried and tinned foods are welcome.



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