

English

We have officially ignited our new English topic! The children are stepping into the shoes of 17th-century Londoners as we begin writing **diaries about The Great Fire of London**.

Over the past week, we've been busy sequencing the timeline of the fire. We've also explored the "perfect storm" of conditions that led to the blaze—including the hot, dry weather and the lingering impact of the *Great Plague*. It has been fascinating to see the children piece together the historical context behind the smoke.

Maths

We have successfully wrapped up our **Fractions** unit! The children have shown great confidence in identifying and shading halves, thirds, and quarters.

We are now moving on to the essential skill of **telling the time**. We are currently working with analogue clocks. Any extra practice you can do at home—asking what time it is or looking at a clock face together—would be incredibly beneficial to their progress.

Art

Our young artists have been exploring the vibrant world of **colour theory**. After mastering primary and secondary colours, we experimented with mixing them to create various hues. We even looked at how famous painters use these shades to bring their masterpieces to life!

History

History has taken us on a trip to the **Victorian era**. The children have been investigating what daily life was like back then, specifically focusing on schools. We had some very lively discussions comparing Victorian classrooms (and their strict rules!) to the way we learn today.

Science

In Science, we are growing our knowledge of **Plants**. We've been busy examining the differences between seeds and bulbs and learning how to correctly label the different parts of trees and flowering plants.

A Final Note

A huge **thank you** for supporting your child's reading journey by listening to them read every night. Please remember to sign their **reading record** so we can celebrate their progress in class.

While every child's reading journey is unique, please find the list below for some inspiration on book types that can help enhance their experience and build their confidence.

Literary Heritage List – Year 1

Where's My Teddy – Jez Alborough	Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao – Kay Zhang
Giraffes Can't Dance – Giles Andreae	Eco Girl – Ken Wilson-Max
The Lighthouse Keeper Stories – Ronda and David Armitage	Finn's Little Fibs – Tom Percival
Mrs Armitage on Wheels – Quentin Blake	Girls on Wheels – Srividhya Venhat & Kate Wadsworth
The Shopping Basket, Would You Rather? – John Burningham	Jabari Jumps – Gaia Cornwall
Jasper's Beanstalk – Nick Butterworth	Little Red – Bethan Woollvin
A Dark, Dark Tale – Ruth Brown	My Bindhi – Gita Varadarajan
Charlie and Lola – Lauren Child	My Nana's Garden – Dawn Casey & Jessica Courtney Tickle
The Bear Under The Stairs – Helen Cooper	Princesses Break Free – Timothy Knapman
The Magic Finger – Roald Dahl	So Much – Trish Cooke & Helen Oxenbury
The Smartest Giant in Town / The Gruffalo's Child – Julia Donaldson	The Bookworm – Debi Glori
Aliens Love Underpants – Claire Freedman	The Extraordinary Gardiner – Sam Boughton
Monkey and Me – Emily Gravett	The Kindest Red – Ibtihaj Mhummad & S.K.Ali & Hatem Aly
The Is The Bear – Sarah Hayes	The Smile – Marie Voigt
Katie Morag – Mairi Hedderwick	Two Places to Call Home – Phil Earle
Barry The Fish With Fingers – Sue Hendra	
Dogger – Shirley Hughes	
Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers	
The Tiger Who Came To Tea – Judith Kerr	
Emily's Legs – Dick King-Smith	
Not Now Bernard – David McKee	
Here Come The Aliens – Colin McNaughton	
Winnie The Pooh – A. A. Milne	
Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore	
Five Minutes Peace – Jill Murphy	
The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter	
Shark In The Dark – Nick Sharratt	
Farmer Duck / Once There Were Giants – Martin Waddell	
Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs – Ian Whybrow	
Tadpole's Promise – Jeanne Willis	
Funny Bones / The Ghost Train / The Pet Shop / The Black Cat / Dinosaur Dreams / Give The Dog A Bone / Skeleton Crew / Mystery Tour / Bumps In The Night / The Jolly Postman – Allan Ahlberg	

Literary Heritage List – Year 2

Happy Families – Allan Alhberg	Billy and the Dragon – Nadia Shireen
The Mousehole Cat – Antonia Barber	Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon – Kat Zhang
A Bear Called Paddington – Michael Bond	Extra Yarn – Mac Barnett
Gorilla – Anthony Browne	Forever Star – Gareth Peter & Judi Abbot
Zoo – Anthony Browne	Jabari Tries – Gaia Cornwall
But Martin! – June Counsel	Luna Loves Christmas – Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers
Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl	My Dad – Susan Quinn & Marina Ruiz
The Twits – Roald Dahl	My Two Grannies – Floella Benjamin & Margaret Chamberlain
Room On The Broom – Julia Donaldson	Proudest Blue – Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K.Ali et al
Burger Boy – Alan Durant	Speak Up! – Nathan Bryon
Mr Wolf's Pancakes – Jan Fearnley	The Boys – Lauren Ace
Seal Surfer – Michael Foreman	The Girls – Lauren Ace & Jenny Lovlie
Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett	The Missing Piece – Jordan Stephens
Egg Drop – Mini Grey	The Tale of the Whale – Karen Swann
Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman	Valentine's Guest House – Sam Sharland
Grace and Family – Mary Hoffman	
How To Catch A Star – Oliver Jeffers	
The Incredible Book Eating Boy – Oliver Jeffers	
Mog Stories – Judith Kerr	
The Guard Dog – Dick King-Smith	
The Princess Stories – Tony Ross	
Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon	
The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark – Jill Tomlinson	
Badger's Parting Gift – Susan Varley	
Little Wolf's Book Of Badness – Ian Whybrow	
The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams	
Dr Xargle's Stories – Jeanne Willis	