

Topics for this term

Fire!

This half term, we will be focussing on 'fire' and the key historical event - The Great Fire of London.

In English, we will be using powerful vocabulary to describe a fire scene and then build on this throughout the half term. We will be developing our knowledge of The Great Fire of London by coming up with our own questions and using our independent research skills to answer them. We will be reading and writing our own stories set in this historic period and using eyewitness accounts such as Samuel Pepys' diary. We will finish this half term by writing in role, detailing what life was like for people in 1666.



In Art, we will explore primary colours and how to mix paints to make new secondary colours. Using this skill, we will be creating a textured painting inspired by the artist David Best.

In DT, we will apply our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes alongside our construction skills to make Tudor houses so we can create a model of London before the fire.



To support our Great Fire of London topic, in Science, we will be working collaboratively to sort and test different materials. We will be applying our knowledge of their properties and using vocabulary such as transparent, opaque, shiny, dull, rough and smooth. To further consolidate our knowledge of these properties, we will discuss how The Great Fire of London spread so quickly and which materials are best suited for a particular purpose.



@burntashschool

www.burntash.bromley.sch.uk

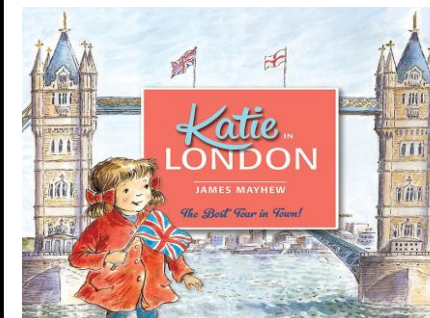
Year 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2026

Welcome back!

We hope you had a brilliant summer. It is great to see the children coming into class, smiling and ready to start an exciting new year! Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Green, Mrs Vedia and the Year 2
Support Team

Our class shared text



How can you help at home?

To fully immerse your child with our topic of London and The Great Fire of London you may enjoy reading some books about London together such as: 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew, 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino and any relevant fact or information books about The Great Fire of London. You may also want to visit www.fireoflondon.org.uk where children can learn more about the fire, listen to stories and complete a quiz!

This year we will continue to use the ILD (Interactive Learning Diary) to share your child's learning with you. Please continue to share your child's successes from home too. Every **Friday**, we will set home learning challenges which will be available on the ILD via the Learning Zone and will need to be completed by the following **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school (white top, black shorts and suitable trainers) and a warm tracksuit for the winter. P.E will take place on **Wednesdays**.