

Year 2 – Autumn Curriculum Letter

Welcome back to St. Mary's for the Autumn Term. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Summer break. This letter will inform you of the exciting things that your child will be learning about over the next term.

General reminders

Please ensure that your child reads every day and that this is noted in your child's home-school diary. Children's reading should be noted in the home-school diary at least 3 times a week. If there are any important notes, especially regarding a change in pick-up arrangements, please ensure that these notes are clearly written in the home-school diary or email the school office.

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform every day and that all of your child's belongings are clearly name-labelled.

Our PE days (for the first half term, at least) are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days and if they have an after (or before) school club. Please ensure earrings and watches are removed on the P.E days.

Spellings will continue to be sent home each week, we will complete a spelling check each **Friday**. Children will have weekly homework that may include English (grammar/spelling rules) or Maths. This will be handed out on a Friday and be due in the following **Friday (In Homework books)**. Children will also have access to TTRS (Times Table Rockstars) which they will be able to access throughout the week.

Curriculum

RE

Our topics for RE this half term are 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and promise'.

Branch 1:	Creation and Covenant.
Understand	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have encountered the following key texts: • The story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow (Gen 9:7-17).¹⁴⁵ • LS 71 'Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope!' • Psalm 139¹⁴⁶ in praise of God's Creation of each of us and his love for us.
Discern	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches: • God makes a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. • That people in the story of Noah turned away from God and chose to act badly; this is behaviour called sin. • The Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God. • That the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament.
Celebrate	Celebrate By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know: • Psalms are prayers to praise God.

	• Sacraments are living signs of Jesus' love for all people. • Baptism is the first sacrament which welcomes people into the Christian family.
Live	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know: • Ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. • How a baby is baptised in the Catholic Church.

Branch 2:	Prophecy and Promise
Understand	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have encountered the following key texts: • The Annunciation of John the Baptist (Lk 1:5-20) • The Annunciation of Jesus (Lk 1:26-38) • The Visitation (Lk 1:39-50, 53) • The birth of John the Baptist (Lk 1:57-58) • Zechariah's voice is restored (The circumcision of John the Baptist) (Lk 1:59-66, 67,76) • The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-8) Including, for the season of Advent: • Is 7:14, 9:1-2, 5-7 (Extracts from the book of Immanuel)
Discern	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches: • That prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message inspired by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is born to be a prophet. • Christians believe that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus. In Isaiah's words, Christians recognise Jesus as a light in the darkness and Immanuel, 'God-with-us'. • Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. • That Mary is the mother of God and our mother who is trusted with all our prayers.
Celebrate	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know: • Some words of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-50, 53) in which she gives thanks to God and prays for his just world to come. • Advent is a time Christian preparation for Jesus' coming. • That the Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of the light. • How the Christmas story is celebrated in song: carol services.
Live	By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know: • About some daily/weekly commitments that enable Christians to live in a way that prepares them for Jesus' coming. • Advent preparations in different cultures. • The meaning and interpretations of the candles/wreath in different cultural contexts. How Catholic Social Teaching (CST) can help to guide Christians to 'share the light' with others.

Maths

Our areas for study for this term are Place Value, 'Addition and Subtraction' and Shape. Children will develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills in these areas.

Place Value	Addition and Subtraction	Shape
Numbers to 20	Bonds to 10	Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes
Count objects to 100 by making 10s	Fact families - bonds within 20	Count sides on 2-D shapes
Recognise tens and ones	Related facts	Count vertices on 2-D shapes
Use a place value chart	Bonds to 100 (tens)	Draw 2-D shapes
Partition numbers to 100	Add and subtract 1s	Lines of symmetry on shapes
Write numbers to 100 in words	Add by making 10	Use lines of symmetry to complete shapes
Flexibly partition numbers to 100	Add three 1-digit numbers	Sort 2-D shapes
Write numbers to 100 in expanded form	Add to the next 10	Count faces on 3-D shapes
Place 10s and 1s on the number line to 100	Add across a 10	Count edges on 3-D shapes
Estimate numbers on a number line	Subtract across 10	Count vertices on 3-D shapes
Compare objects and numbers	Subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number (across a 10)	Sort 3-D shapes
Order objects and numbers	10 more and 10 less	Make patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes.
Count in 2s, 5s and 10s	Add and subtract 10s	
Count in 3s	Add two 2-digit numbers	
	Subtract two 2-digit numbers	
	Mixed addition and subtraction	
	Compare number sentences	
	Missing number problems	

Children will continue to be tested on their multiplication tables weekly. Regular practise is important and has a positive impact on Maths attainment.

English

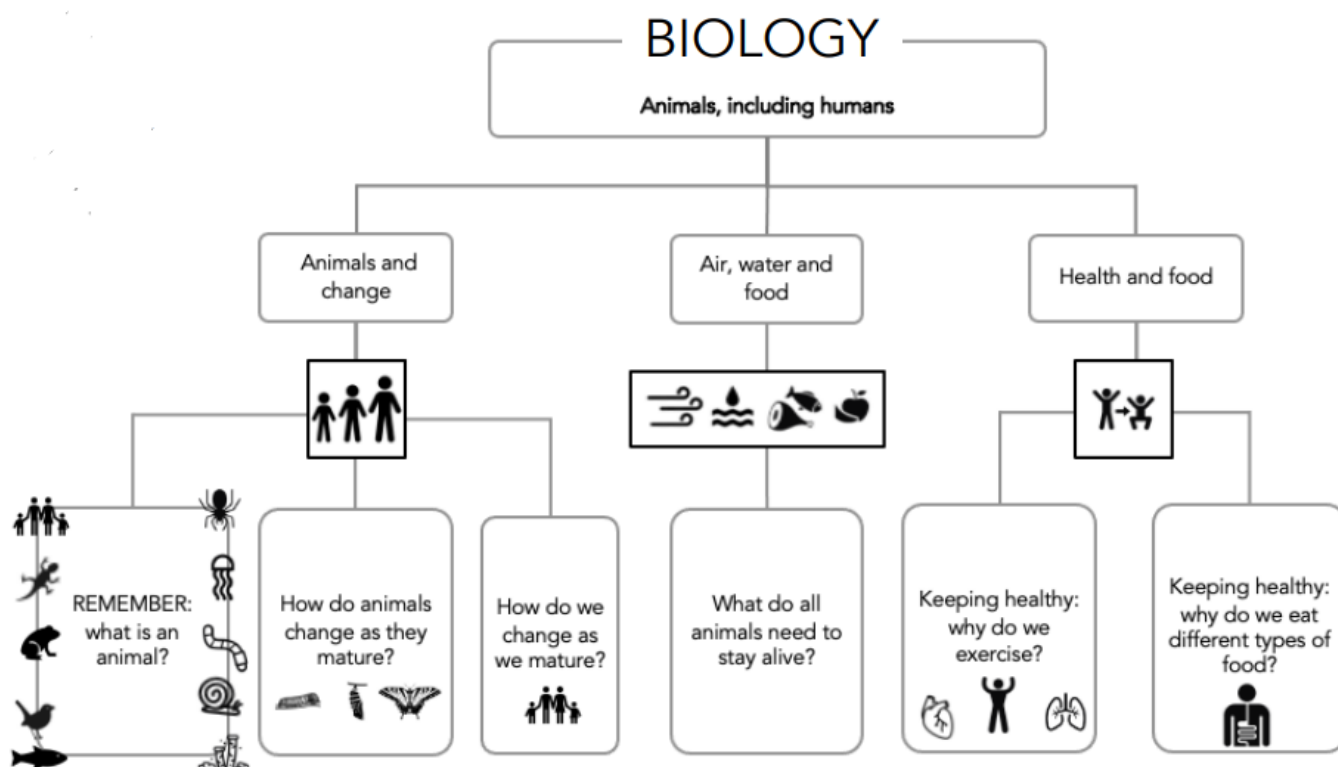
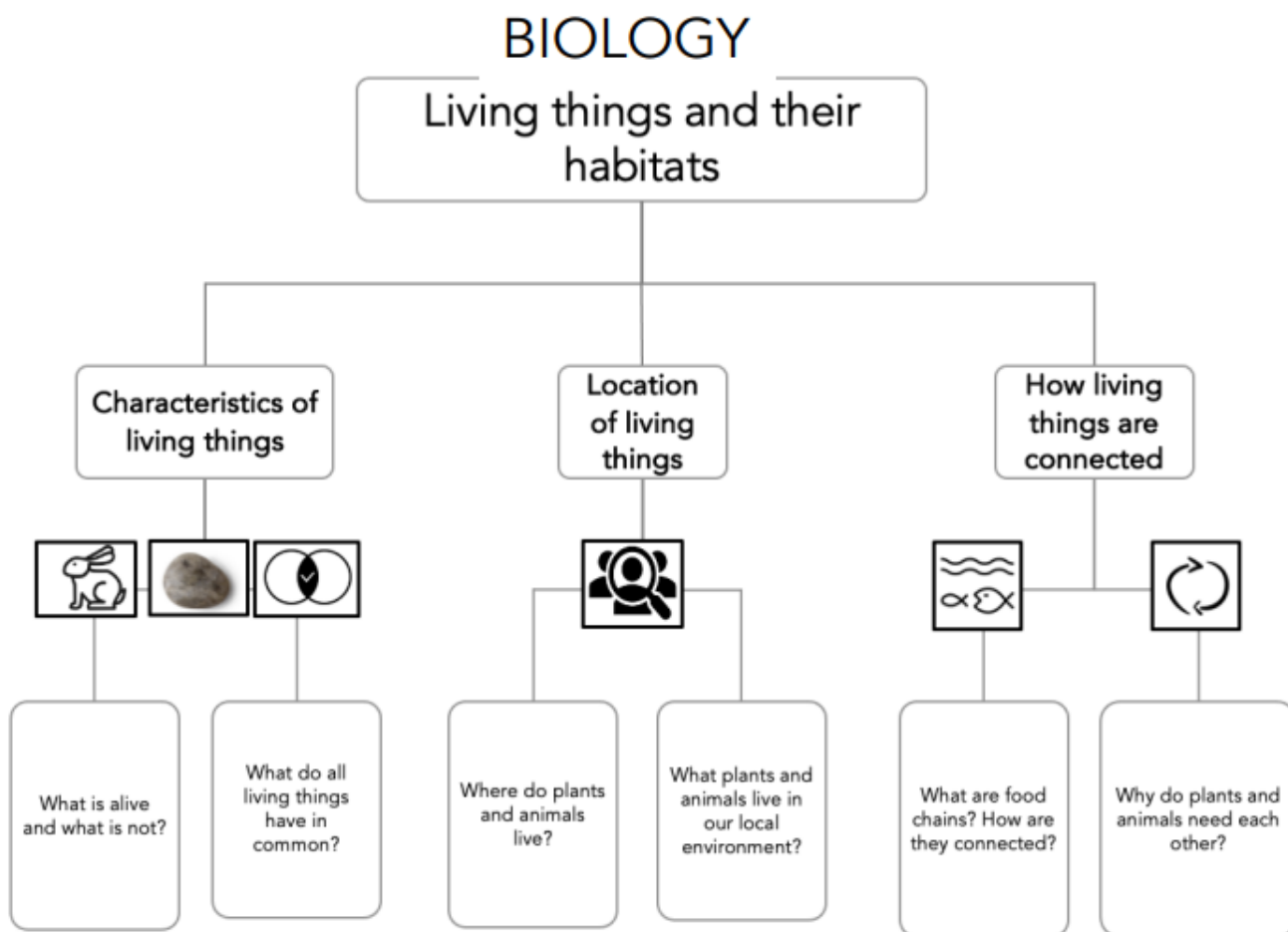
Children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills through study of our class texts. Children will develop a greater understanding and mastery of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Children will read with an adult on a weekly basis, and will further develop their reading skills in Reading lessons, but we still recommend children read for at least 20 minutes every day with an adult.

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing (inc. SPAG)</u>
<u>Learning focuses</u>	<u>Learning focuses</u>
Draw inferences from reading.	Write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional).
Predict from details stated and implied.	Write about real events, recording these simply and clearly.
Explain and discuss understanding of reading, maintaining focus on the topic.	Demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops and use question marks correctly when required.
Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.	Use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently.
Ask questions to improve understanding of a text.	Use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because) to join clauses.
Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these.	Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others.
Read most common exception words.	Spell many common exception words.
Make a plausible prediction about what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	Form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters.
Check it makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading	Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters, for example, capital letters need to be bigger than lower case letters.
	Make simple additions, revisions and proof-reading corrections to their own writing.
	Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join some letters

Science

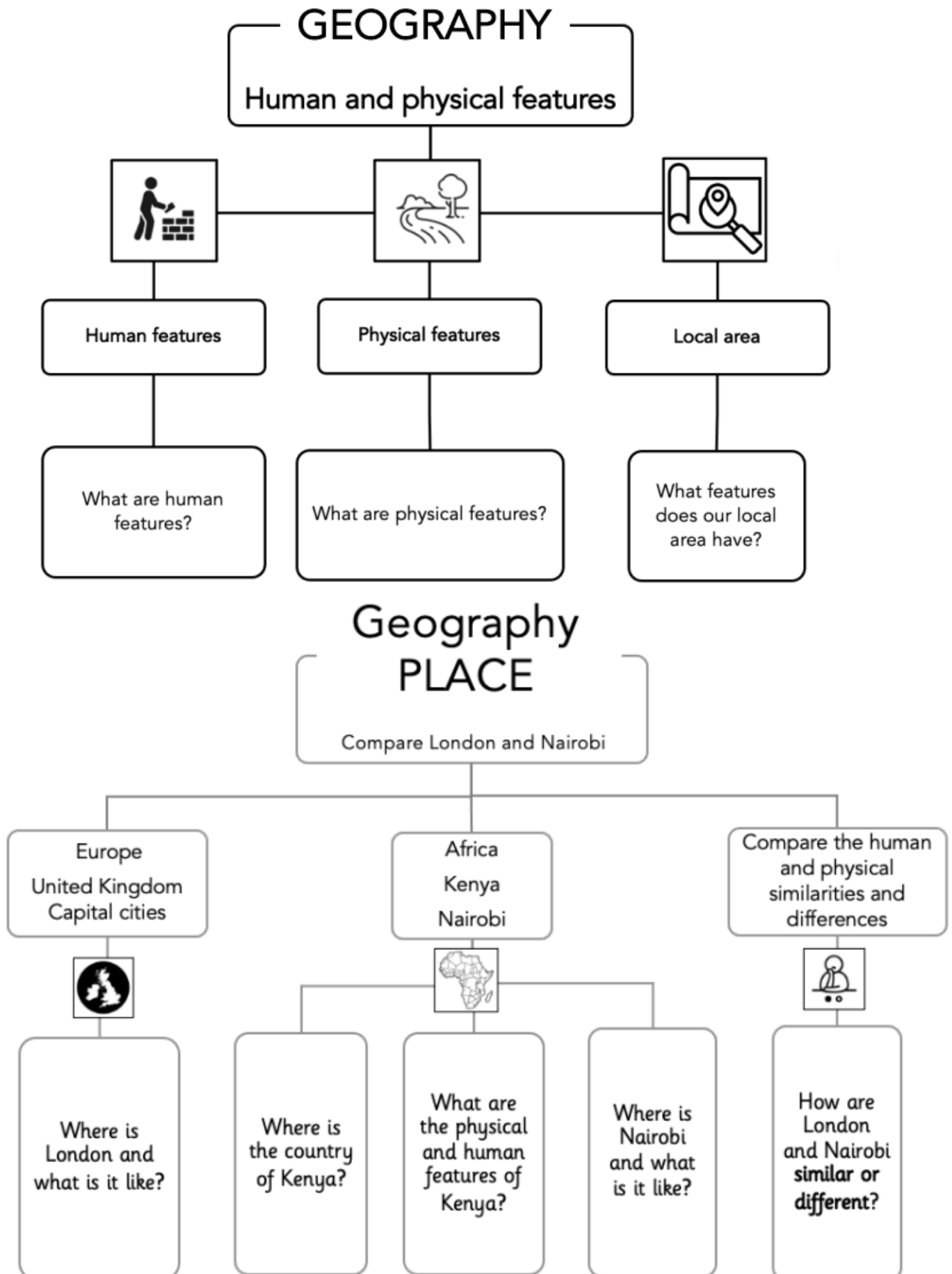
Our topics for this term are 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals, including humans'.



Children will continue to develop their 'Working Scientifically' skills by planning, designing, undertaking and evaluating their own investigations.

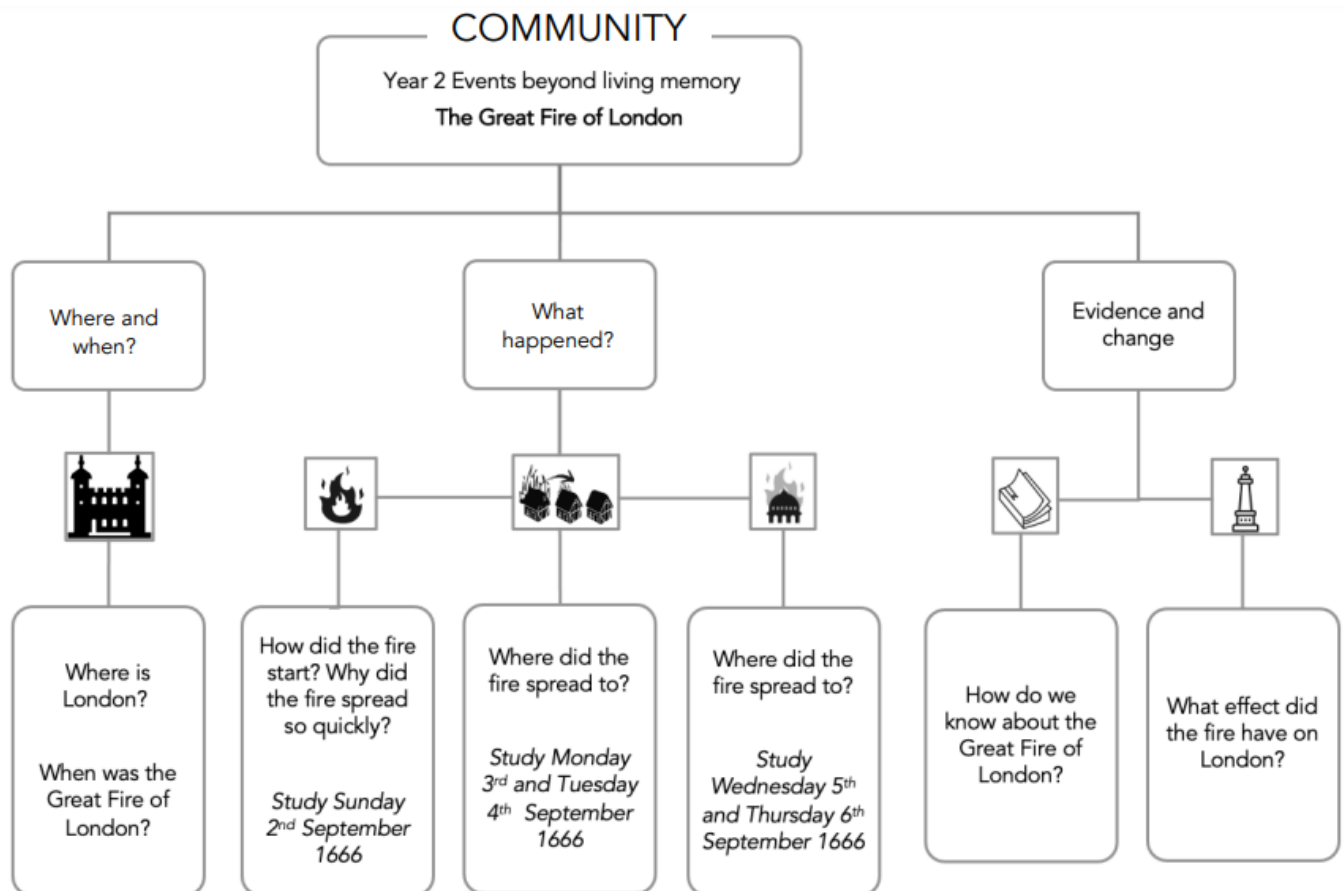
Geography

Our topics for this term are 'Human and Physical features' and 'Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location - London and Nairobi'.



History

Our topic for the term is 'Events beyond living memory: The Great Fire of London'.



Computing

Our topic for Computing this term is 'Creating Media: Digital Music'.

<u>Creating Media: Digital Music</u>					
Learning objectives					
How music makes us feel	Rhythms and patterns	How music can be used	Notes and tempo	Creating digital music	Reviewing and editing music

PSHE/RSE

This term we will look at healthy lifestyles, growing and changing, and keeping safe.

Our RSE unit is called 'Created and Loved by God'.

Art

Our topic for this term is 'Drawing'.

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In this block, applying previously acquired skills, pupils will use a range of marks to represent mood and movement. They will start to explore shape and texture through expressive mark making in response to a piece of music and descriptive language. Pupils will use a picture book or piece of art as a starting point for their own artwork.							

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Our topic for this term is Textiles.

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In this block, pupils will learn how to use a template to create a simple patchwork by repurposing clothing to create something practical and useful. They will develop their skills using a needle and thread to create small, even stitches.									

PE

Our focus for this term is on honing our skills in games and gymnastics. Mrs Dyer will teach PE on **Wednesdays** and Mrs Michette will teach PE on **Fridays**.

Music

Music will be taught by Mrs Dyer on Wednesday.

I look forward to working closely with you over the term.

Should there be any questions or problems, do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Vale