



Should I keep a diary?



This term, Beech Class will be exploring the question: "Should I keep a diary?". This question arises from our study of Samuel Pepys and how his diary helped historians understand what happened during the Great Fire of London.

Our topic will begin by developing a deeper understanding of the events that took place on 2nd September 1666, including how and why the fire spread so quickly across London. Later in the term, Beech Class will consider whether they would have made different decisions if they had been the Mayor of London at the time, Sir Thomas Bludworth.

The Bolney Characteristics we will focus on this half term are **change makers** and **critical thinkers**. Through these qualities, we will think about how we might have supported the citizens of London by solving problems during the fire.

Key Vocabulary:

Samuel Pepys	Escape
Spread	River themes
exploded	London
Fire	Rebuild
Smoke	King Charles
Emergency	2 nd
Fire hook	Diary
Firemen	House
Bakery	Wooden
Water bucket	Thatched roof



Key texts:

Vlad and The Great Fire of London
 See inside London
 Toby and the Great Fire of London
 The Great Fire of London Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666
 The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London
 Charlie and the Great Fire of London

Key Questions:

Why do people keep diaries?
 What story would my diary tell?
 What impact can a diary have?
 How could a 350-year-old diary affect me?
 Is there a link between 1666 and 2026?
 Why did the fire spread so fast?

PE

As sports people, we will be practicing different athletics skills

PSHE

Jigsaw:
Changing me

Maths

As mathematicians, we are looking at weight, volume, mass, capacity and temperature

English

Year 1 Key skills (writing):

- ❖ Full stops and capital letters
- ❖ Finger spaces
- ❖ Using phonics to write sentences
- ❖ Spelling some common exception words

Year 2 key skills (writing):

- ❖ Adverbs
- ❖ Spelling common exception words
- ❖ Writing in present and past tense
- ❖ Using commas in a list
- ❖ Using prefixes and suffixes

Art/DT

As designers, we will be making our own bread like Thomas Farriner!



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Summer 2



RE

In RE, we be exploring the question: Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?

Music

As musicians, we will be singing and signing

Bolney Characteristics

change makers and critical thinkers

BIG QUESTION:

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Computing

As programmers in computing, we will be using scratch and programming quizzes

Geography

As geographers, we will be exploring maps and atlases

Science

As scientists, we will be exploring herbivores, omnivores and carnivores