London Calling!

Year 1 Knowledge Organiser

OUR TOPIC

Explore London's history, transport and famous landmarks. Enjoy a royal tea party, discover the Great Fire of London and plan a sightseeing tour for Marley the Meerkat from Zambia before his visit to London Zoo.





Hook: Royal Tea Party; adult-led Great Fire demonstration using model houses.

Class reads:

- *The Queen's Hat* — Steve Antony
- *Katie in London* — James Mayhew
- *Katie Morag* stories — Mairi Hedderwick



LONDON AND LANDMARKS

- London is the capital of England and the UK's largest city.
- A city is a large settlement with many people, homes, shops and other buildings.
- **Landmarks** are recognisable human-made or natural features that help us identify places and find our way.
- Buckingham Palace, the London Eye and Big Ben are famous London landmarks.
- Schools, shops, libraries and places of worship serve communities.
- Monuments and historic buildings tell us about the past.



THE UNITED KINGDOM

The UK has four countries and four capitals:



A **capital city** is where a country's central government is based.

THIS TERM



History: The Great Fire of London.

Geography: The UK.

PSHE and No Outsiders: Growing and Changing; Errol's Garden.

DT: Cooking and nutrition — smoothies.

RE: What makes a good leader?



Games: Striking and fielding skills.

PE: Gymnastics — balance, flow and breathing.

Computing and Online Safety: Programming in Scratch; managing information online.



Music: African drums.



GEOGRAPHY AND MAP SKILLS

- **Fieldwork** means observing and collecting information about people, places and nature.
- **Maps** use symbols; a key explains what the symbols mean.
- The UK has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each has typical weather patterns.
- **Physical features** are natural: hills, mountains, beaches and oceans.



Key vocabulary:

Map: A drawing of a place showing features.

Aerial photograph: A photograph taken from above.

Location: Where something is.

Direction: The way you travel.









LONDON AND KUALA LUMPUR

- Kuala Lumpur is Malaysia's capital.
- Both cities have a river and a zoo.
- Kuala Lumpur has a monorail; London has Underground and overground trains.





WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

EYFS — Understanding the World: Compare past and present, discuss people in stories and learn about the past through books and storytelling.

Year 1 — Carnival of Colours: Guy Fawkes was born in York in 1570. The Gunpowder Plot aimed to blow up Parliament and kill King James I on 5 November 1605. It failed. Bonfire Night remembers the event with fireworks, bonfires and sometimes a Guy Fawkes figure.



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON — 1666

- The fire began in Thomas Farriner's bakery in Pudding Lane, early on Sunday 2 September 1666.
- Many houses had timber frames and stood close together. Dry weather and strong winds helped the fire spread.
- People used leather buckets and water squirts.
- Houses were pulled down to create gaps that could slow the fire.
- The Monument remembers the Great Fire.

2 September Fire starts in Pudding Lane.

3 September Fire spreads through the city.

4 September Old St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed.

5 September Winds ease and the fire slows.

6 September The main fire is brought **under control.** Thousands are homeless.





Leather bucket

The Monument

FUTURE LEARNING

Year 5 — Behind the Castle Gates: Life in Medieval England. Extend historical knowledge beyond 1066; study the Black Death in 14th-century England.

