

# Stanbridge Lower School



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Year Group: One  
Term: Autumn Two  
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## The Gunpowder Plot!

### Simmering Starter:

The children will make their own firework chalk images to have on the topic display for their new topic 'The Gunpowder Plot!' Through this activity the children will explore using lines (and the thickness of these), shapes and colours.

### History:

#### **Topic: Guy Fawkes and 'The Gunpowder Plot'!**

In this half term, the children will be learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot! They will take part in an historic 'investigation' to look at and gather information from sources/evidence about Guy Fawkes; the children will act out the Gunpowder plot using stick puppets and create their own Guy. The children will also learn about why and how Bonfire night is used to celebrate on the 5<sup>th</sup> November every year, even today.

### Science:

#### **Topic: Our 5 Senses, Winter Investigation + Seasons!**

In this half term, the children will be carrying out a couple of different experiments. They will learn and explore their 5 senses, predict, investigate and answer questions about how animals keep themselves warm in the winter and will go on a 'Winter seasons hunt' around the school grounds. The children will look at seasonal changes in further detail and they will make comparisons to the season of autumn.

### Music:

#### **Topic: Christmas Production!**

The children will practice and develop a range of musical skills within this half term. They will learn to sing in groups and explore high and low notes. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the pulse and rhythm and they will learn how to perform altogether as part of a class and within a larger group. They will learn to dance, sing and play an instrument in time to the music.

### Computing:

#### **Topic: Self-image and identity + Online Relationships!**

The children will learn to recognise that there may be people online who could make me feel sad, embarrassed or upset and I can give examples of when and how to speak to an adult I can trust. They will also use cameras to take photographs of human and physical features in our school grounds and to identify signs of autumn. The children will also learn to explore Google maps, finding Stanbridge Lower School (Geography cross-curricular). They will also explore the term 'permission' thinking about healthy online relationships.

### PSHCE:

#### **Topic: Health and Wellbeing!**

In this topic, the children will be learning about how it feels when there is a change or loss, about basic hygiene routines/their importance and about them growing, changing and becoming independent. The children will also learn the correct names for their body parts. They will recognise that some household items can be harmful if they are not used correctly, understand how to keep safe and the importance of having and following rules.

RE:

**Topic: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**

In this topic the children will explore special stories about Jesus, why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas and why they celebrate Jesus' Birthday. They will learn about special things that Christians do at Christmas to share God's love, how every person is considered to be unique and precious and how the Christmas story shows that God is precious to them.

DT:

**Topic: Building ourselves a house!**

In this topic, the children will be designing a strong house structure in the style of houses from 1609 (the year of 'The Gunpowder Plot'). They will also come up with a design criteria based around the properties needed in order to make a successful model house. The children will explore how materials can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. They will develop a range of cutting, shaping, joining and finishing skills and finish by evaluating their final outcome.

**Forest School Activities:**

- Natural firework images
- Winter themed wreath making
- Natural Christmas scenes
- Hibernation homes

**Grand finale:**

- A) Christmas production
- B) Gunpowder Plot dance performance

PE:

**Topic: Dance (The Gunpowder Plot)!**

In this unit, the children will learn to dance on their own, in partners and as a group. They will experiment with dancing with objects and making a range of shapes using their bodies. There will be cross-curricular links to our main topic (fireworks) to explore light/heavy movements and retelling stories through dance. The children will also further develop these skills within the Christmas production practice.

